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High Court grants temporary order

West lawyer gagged over '£1m tapes'

BY BILL FROST

A HIGH Court judge yesterday granted Frederick West, the alleged mass murderer, a temporary order preventing his former lawyer revealing details of their interviews in Mr West's prison cell.

The move came after it was announced that disciplinary action is to be taken against Howard Ogden, the solicitor sacked by Mr West last week, who is accused of attempting to sell his story for £1 million.

In the High Court late yesterday afternoon, Mr Justice Lightman ordered Mr Ogden to hand over tapes, letters and other items belonging to Mr West by 4pm on Monday.

A subsequent attempt by Mr Ogden's lawyers to have the order overturned failed. The case will return to the High Court in a fortnight.

Giving judgment in open court after the first hearing, the judge said that Mr West, who is accused of 12 murders, had applied for the orders after a story appeared in the press yesterday saying that Mr Ogden was touting his former client's story for £1 million.

The judge said Mr Ogden claimed that Mr West had entered into an agreement waiving his entitlement to confidentiality and agreed to the lawyer exploiting information he obtained while acting as Mr West's legal adviser. The agreement also allegedly allowed Mr Ogden to use items of his property, including letters, tapes and photos. But Mr West said he had sought assurances from Mr Ogden when he ceased to act for him that he would not breach his duty of confidence.

Last Friday Mr West appealed to a High Court judge sitting in private for injunctions to prevent his story being exploited. Mr Justice Lightman said.

But the judge who heard the application, Mr Justice Blackburne, "could not believe that a solicitor would not in fact reply positively on the facts and considered that he [Mr Ogden] should be given the opportunity to do so", and he made no order.



Ogden: hotly disputed he breached ethics code



West: acted to prevent exploitation of his story

Yesterday Mr West made a second application for injunctions after reading in a newspaper that Mr Ogden was marketing his story to turn it into a book and a film.

Earlier Mr Ogden hotly disputed claims that he had breached professional ethics and the duty of confidentiality.

"No deal exists in any shape or form concerning the writing of a book or being involved in any film or any publication whatsoever concerned with the West case," he said.

Mr Ogden was alleged to have offered publishers and film-makers 20 hours of raped interviews conducted in Mr West's prison cell.

Shortly before Mr Ogden's denial, Mr West's new lawyers, Bobbetts Mackan, issued a statement saying that the 52-year-old Gloucester builder sacked Mr Ogden because he felt he was "preparing material for a book rather than Mr West's defence". Bobbetts Mackan, which is based in Bristol, said that if reports of Mr Ogden's activities proved true, then his conduct was "reprehensible" and may have jeopardised Mr West's chance of receiving a fair trial.

The Solicitors' Complaints Bureau revealed later that action was to be taken against Mr Ogden. "We shall be making an application in the solicitors' disciplinary tribunal," Veronica Lowe, the bureau's director, said. "Mr Ogden may have a very good defence to the allegations against him but we take these allegations very seriously."

Jonathan Goldsmith, deputy head of communications for the Law Society, said urgent action had been taken to see if Mr Ogden had committed a disciplinary offence. If a solicitor entered into an agreement during the handling of a case it was unethical and could lead to him being struck off, he added.

Asked about possible prejudice to Mr West's trial, he said: "It may well prejudice the trial and we are very concerned that Mr West's trial be not prejudiced."

Robert Maclennan, the Liberal Democrats' home affairs spokesman, yesterday wrote to Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, warning that publication of the tapes could prejudice Mr West's trial.

Mr Ogden said yesterday that Mr West was concerned about media coverage of his

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PHIL O'BRIEN



Sally Gunnell celebrates her commanding victory in the 400m hurdles in Helsinki last night

Bottomley gives parents the right to smack

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

VIRGINIA Bottomley has ended the confusion surrounding corporal punishment by making clear that parents and child-minders have the right to smack naughty children.

The Health Secretary is expected to announce her decision, which will delight traditional Tories, at the party conference in October and at the same time issue revised guidance on the application of the 1989 Children's Act. But it could bring her into conflict with agencies such as the NSPCC, which have supported the no-smacking rule.

Mrs Bottomley is understood to have told colleagues: "Control is part of caring. Being a parent is nine-tenths common sense and good parents know when and how to discipline their children. The same rules should apply to people who are authorised to look after children." She has been the driving force behind a policy rethink, triggered by a High Court ruling in March.

The court upheld an appeal by Ann Davis, a mother of two and a child-minder, against a ban imposed by Sutton council in south London when she refused to give up her right to use corporal punishment on her charges. The council argued that it was bound by Government guidelines issued in connection with the Children's Act.

The guidelines state: "Corporal punishment is illegal in state schools and should not be used by any other parties within the scope of this guidance." Mrs Bottomley's decision will clarify the guidance to make clear that it does not apply to child-minders or parents.

The guidance is expected to make clear that corporal punishment is acceptable when exercised in a loving way. It will set out circumstances in which a smack can be used on young children by a child-minder. But it seems unlikely that people working in nurseries or playgroups will be allowed to use such methods. Child-minders are being made an exception because they are direct substitutes for parental supervision. The guidelines are expected to say that parents have an "absolute right" to discipline their children using their methods.

But Joan Lestor, the Labour spokeswoman on the family and a former nursery teacher, said the Government would be creating more anomalies. "We must be the only country in Europe that makes it legal for people who are not the parents of children to hit them, but only a certain category of children."

Gunnell's golden grand slam

SALLY Gunnell became the first woman to complete a full set of championships yesterday when she added the European 400m hurdles title in Helsinki to her Olympic, world and Commonwealth honours.

Only Linford Christie, in the 100m, and the decathlete Daley Thompson have achieved the distinction. A beaming Gunnell, the world record holder, said: "I always wanted the four titles and now I have done it, the grand slam."

After draping herself with a Union Jack for her lap of honour, she went out to celebrate with "ice cream, chips and beer". Gunnell, 28, won in 53.33sec, the fastest time this year, and finished 10m ahead of the field.

Colin Jackson successfully defending his 110m hurdles title in 13.08sec.

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Ulster faces new tension

Security forces in Ulster are braced for a tense weekend as Republicans mark tomorrow's 25th anniversary of the deployment of British troops and Loyalists take part today in the annual Apprentice Boys march .....Page 7

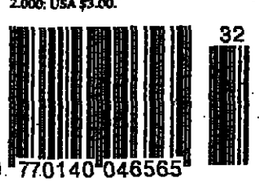
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Business calls for law to ban railway strikes

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

INDUSTRIALISTS yesterday demanded that the Government make strikes in essential services illegal as thousands of travellers suffered again from the effects of the rail dispute.

Although British Rail managed to run about 5,000 trains, a third of the normal service, it was clear that huge numbers of workers were either working from home, had taken a day off or had spent the night in hotels.

The Rail, Maritime and Transport union (RMT) and Railtrack remained in their respective bunkers, accusing each other of intransigence. There was no sign of any move to prevent the strike which will again cripple the rail network on Monday and Tuesday, or deflect the union from holding a 24 hour stoppage from noon on August 22.

With no apparent end to the deadlock, a survey by the Institute of Directors among its 32,000 members indicates overwhelming support for new laws to prevent the signal men from withdrawing their labour. Ira Chalphin, employment affairs spokesman for the IOD, whose members employ 10 million people, said: "The strike is now having an extremely damaging

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Rapist 'found dead in field'

A man who killed himself in a Cambridgeshire field may be the murderer of Sandra Parkinson, a waitress who was raped and strangled on a Devon cliff path, police said. The same man was wanted in connection with the rape of a middle aged GP in Ludlow, Shropshire, 20 months ago .....Page 3

Fears for gorillas in Rwanda mist

The Rwandan national park inhabited by gorillas championed by Dian Fossey in *Gorillas In The Mist*, may soon be reopened but it is feared the animals have been decimated.....Page 10

Diplomat 'waved gun at noisy workmen'

BY ROBI DUTTA

A HUNGARIAN diplomat who allegedly brandished a gun at noisy workmen outside his Pimlico home was arrested by armed police and detained at Belgravia police station in London yesterday.

Last night, police were trying to establish his diplomatic credentials. A spokesman for Scotland Yard confirmed that a gun had been found. Police sources said that a knife and a gas gun were also recovered from his flat.

Police were thought to be pressing for the man, believed to be in his 30s, to be returned to Hungary. He was arrested after armed police closed two streets behind the Royal Westminster Hotel, near Victoria station, for two hours before moving in on his flat in Buckingham Palace Road.

He was apparently incensed with the din from a building site near Victoria station, and went to the site on Thursday afternoon waving a handgun.

A site worker said yesterday: "There were 12 of us working, some with drills, when this man dressed in shorts and T-shirt shouted at us to stop. He pointed a revolver but no one took any notice and he went away." After inquiries, police decided to arrest the man yesterday.

Getty v Getty in battle to keep The Three Graces

BY ROBIN YOUNG

JOHN Paul Getty II has pledged £1 million towards the campaign to keep Antonio Canova's statue *The Three Graces* in Britain and out of his late's father's museum in Malibu, California.

Mr Getty, one of Britain's richest residents and most generous benefactor, contacted Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, on Thursday night to make his offer. Mr Dorrell had announced on Tuesday that the Government would wait another three months before granting an export licence to the Getty Museum, which had offered £7.6 million for the sculpture. The pledge leaves the British museums which have been striving to match the Getty Museum with only a further £800,000 to find.

Spokesmen for the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and the National Galleries of Scotland were "delighted and thrilled". Timothy Clifford, director of the National Galleries of Scotland, who appealed to Mr Getty for help last week, said: "National Galleries trustees and staff are dancing with joy. I'm sure even the Graces are now wreathed in smiles." He agreed that John Paul Getty's strained relationship with his late father may have been a factor in the offer.

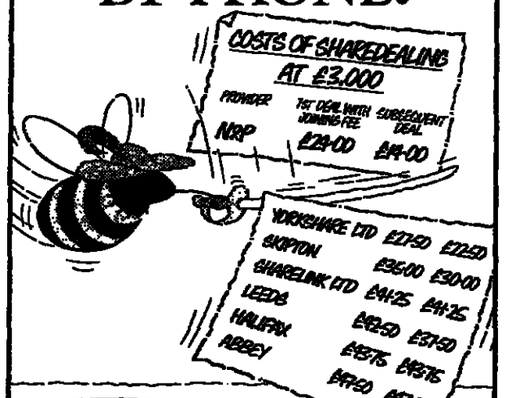
George Levy, a trustee of the London Houses Museum Trust who has been a leading campaigner on *The Three Graces*' behalf, said: "The Government should now stop all the palaver, put up the £800,000 still required, and buy the statue on Monday morning."

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Canova's statue

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cricket hospitality company collapses

Hundreds of corporate hospitality guests for the third Test against South Africa may not see a single ball bowled after the collapse yesterday of a sporting entertainment company. Corporate Sports (UK) Limited, which also left about 200 tennis enthusiasts in the lurch at Wimbledon this year, went into liquidation yesterday.

About 300 people are thought to have signed up for a £350 package for a day's cricket and corporate refreshment during the first three days of the match at the Oval starting next Thursday. Enquiries by *The Times* reveal that the hospitality venue, touted as the Ambassador Club, is apparently the canteen of a neighbouring school.

Priest denies bribe

The chairman of the governors of Saint Thomas More school in Bedford, where a religious education teacher became pregnant by a local priest, denied yesterday that he had attempted to bribe her. Father Stan Condon told an industrial tribunal in Bedford that he was not authorised to buy off Monika Kocanek, who earlier claimed Father Condon had offered her a "financial inducement" to resign and keep quiet. The teacher is claiming unfair dismissal and sexual discrimination. A ruling is expected in six weeks.

Hospital tags babies

Walsall Manor Hospital in the West Midlands has installed a £25,000 electronic tagging system to prevent babies being snatched. Under the system, introduced after the kidnapping of Abbie Humphries, babies in the hospital's new maternity unit will be tagged and wards will be protected by airport-style detectors in doorways connected to an alarm.

Lawson home burgled

Thieves who broke into the home of Lord Lawson of Blaby, the former Chancellor, took personal mementoes among items worth several thousand pounds. A 30-year-old silver tray with an inscription from the *Financial Times*, where Lord Lawson had been a journalist, was taken in the raid at his farmhouse near Daventry, Northamptonshire.

Baby's mother traced

The mother of a new-born boy abandoned in a Cardiff car park has been found by police. She was traced after police released a security video of her. She was filmed walking into the car park holding her son and leaving empty-handed six minutes later. Police interviewed a woman aged 32 and a file will be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Arts chiefs come unstuck

Two writers have won £109 compensation from the Arts Council for Wales after proving that a manuscript that received a scathing report after being considered for a grant had been largely unread. Alan Wilson and Alan Black told a small claims court that most of the pages they had glued together were still stuck when the manuscript was returned.

Epic flight re-created

A replica of a First World War twin-engined Vickers Vimy bomber bi-plane is to retrace the first flight from Britain to Australia. The aircraft, the world's biggest replica plane, will leave the Farnborough Air Show on September 11, marking the 75th anniversary of the 27-day flight across 17 countries.

Portillo tries to calm row over disabled

By Arthur Leathley and George Brock

THE Employment Secretary moved last night to calm the dispute over the threat to thousands of disabled workers' jobs after criticism from MPs and the European Commission.

Michael Portillo disclosed that Department of Employment officials planned to discuss with the EU new legislation that he had cited as the reason for changing rules that allow preferential treatment in the awarding of contracts to firms that employ many disabled people.

Mr Portillo infuriated disabled-rights groups when he announced that government departments awarding contracts could no longer offer such firms a second chance to match tenders by rivals.

After he insisted that the move had been made because of a European Commission directive, Brussels officials strenuously denied that disabled workers were intended to suffer. As Labour MPs demanded Mr Portillo's resignation and Tory MPs criticised his decision, the employment department offered the prospect of a rethink.

Phillip Oppenheim, the employment minister, said he was awaiting confirmation from the Commission that the directive should not apply to firms employing disabled staff. However, he maintained that such a view "conflicts with firm legal advice previously received from the government's own advisers".

Tony Lloyd, Labour's employment spokesman, led calls for Mr Portillo's resignation, which were echoed by a union leader representing disabled workers. Mr Lloyd said: "If he is not prepared to protect the interests of disabled people then he has no right to be a minister."

Terry Dicks, a Tory MP and strong campaigner for the disabled, said: "I am surprised that Mr Portillo, of all people, should have accepted it without a fight." In Brussels, officials made clear that the Government was never under any threat of legal action if the directive had not been applied to disabled workers. They said britain had made no attempt to amend the directive to ensure that disabled workers were adequately protected.

The EU Consolidated Suppliers Directive, which came into effect in June, aims to prevent governments from discriminating between suppliers when purchasing or signing public contracts.

The official acknowledged that the EU law would almost certainly require "modifications" to the British government programme which allocates a certain proportion of public contracts to firms employing large numbers of disabled workers.

Mr Portillo's decision leaves companies, such as Remploy, which has 8,736 disabled employees, having to compete on the same terms as others.

'Ban strike'

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effect on the British economy, far wider than what it is costing the railway industry.

"A quarter of our members say it is now having a substantial effect on their business and damaging their ability to transport and receive goods. Apart from the short term effect, IOD members are worried about the damage it is having on Britain's image as a potential location for inward investors," Mr Chalphin said.

As a result of the survey, the IOD will be calling on the Government to ban public sector strikes and management lock outs and force parties to accept the decision of independent arbiters.

Jimmy Knapp, leader of the RMT, yesterday rejected the idea of re-balloting signal workers to test their mood.

He said: "The action we are engaged in is quite within the framework of trade union law. Our members continue to demonstrate support for that".

David Armstrong, Railtrack's head of personnel, said that issuing signal workers with personal contracts was one of a number of options open to the company.

"The option we prefer is one of negotiation and that it what we are trying to persuade Mr Knapp to do," he said.

The RMT negotiating team insists that before any talks can begin on a restructuring package for the industry Railtrack must address the union's claim for an 11 per cent pay increase.

Railtrack's decision to spend about £100,000 on national newspaper advertisements tomorrow was condemned by Mr Knapp as a waste of money. The advertisements will apologise for the disruption, claim the RMT has refused to negotiate and call for an end to the strikes and a new ballot of members.

ROBIN MAYES



Captain Morrison giving a briefing on activity in the Bay of Biscay, where a third boat was checked yesterday

Head of fisheries squad defends tactics

By Andrew Pierce and Edward Owen

THE Royal Navy pledged yesterday to continue boarding British trawlers in the Bay of Biscay. A third Cornish vessel was boarded in the early hours, to the dismay of British fishermen.

Captain Chris Morrison, head of the fisheries protection squadron, said that seizing British nets that breached European Union rules had reduced tension with the Spanish. It showed that Britain was taking its responsibilities seriously.

Cornish fishermen have accused the Navy of harassing them, but Captain Morrison said: "It is in everyone's interests to know the truth and tell the rest of the world. The sooner the Navy and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food can declare a vessel legal to foreign vessels, the more likely we are to be left alone."

HMS Anglesey, the first protection vessel to arrive in the Bay of Biscay last week after Spanish fishermen had attacked British vessels, boarded a trawler yesterday to check its nets. Further spot checks are planned.

Captain Morrison said the squadron had a responsibility to enforce EU regulations as well as guarding British boats. "As soon as *HMS Anglesey* arrived, Spanish fishing vessels left and the harassment stopped. Any idea that the Navy has been standing by watching while the Spanish are cutting British fishing nets is not the case," he said.

The Newlyn-based trawler *Silver Harvest* successfully pulled in its nets yesterday morning, in the middle of more than 100 Spanish boats, with *HMS Alderney* "riding shotgun". Captain Morrison said: "If there are more attacks Royal Marines could be put on board trawlers or shots fired across the bows of foreign boats. But the squadron has no jurisdiction over them outside British waters."

Labour Left pushes for stronger party role

By Arthur Leathley
Political Correspondent

LEFT-wing Labour MPs open a campaign today to increase their power in the party by appealing to 260,000 activists to elect a more balanced national executive.

The five-week campaign will claim excessive domination by the party leadership. Since Tony Benn was voted off the NEC last year, the Left has been deprived of a spokesman on the party's ruling body and claims that the shadow cabinet exerts too strong an influence over the committee.

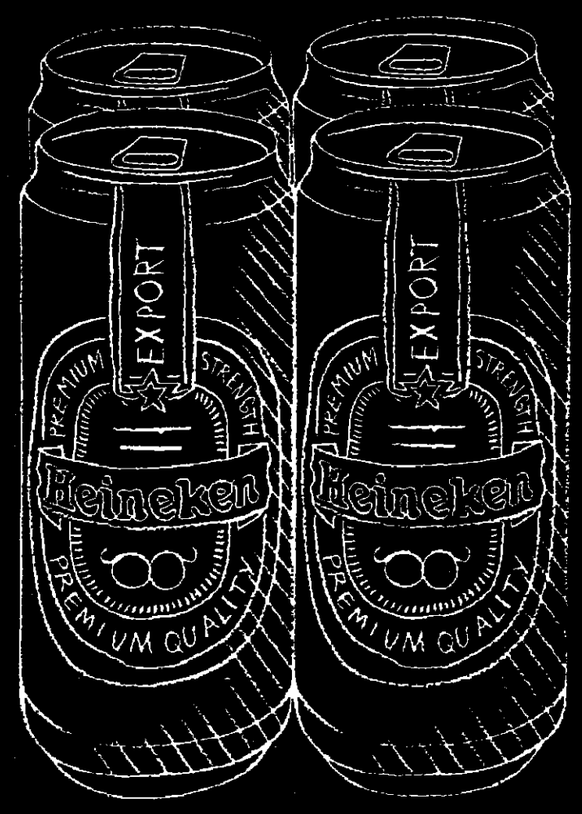
Dennis Skinner, who was voted off the executive in 1992, and Peter Hain will lead the campaign and supporters include Dawn Primarolo, the shadow health spokeswoman, and Ken Livingstone, who stood for the Labour leadership.

Mr Hain indicated this week that he will press the leadership for a more radical strategy, including a commitment to higher taxes for those earning more than £50,000 a year. He and left-wing colleagues fear that modernisers will capitalise on Mr Blair's honeymoon period to take the party too far from its traditional roots.

For the first time, all Labour party members will be able to take part in the contest, which closes on September 20. There are three vacancies on the NEC caused by John Smith's death, Neil Kinnock's appointment as a European Union commissioner and John Prescott's election as deputy leader.

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'West papers not for consumption'

THESE are excerpts from a statement issued by Howard Ogden, who formerly represented Frederick West. It deals solely with a report in [yesterday's] *Daily Mail* and is not a reaction to a statement by Mr West's new solicitors, Bobbetts Mackan.

"My attention has been drawn to an article in the *Daily Mail* published Friday August 12, 1994.

"From the outset Mr Frederick West was concerned regarding coverage of his case in the media. He was aware that many journalists were writing books. He wanted the authoritative story told by someone who was properly informed.

"I found myself the subject of many inquiries and was advised to appoint an agent so that I might concentrate on Mr West's case. That agent was Mr Jonathan Lloyd of Curtis Brown, London. At all times I kept Mr West informed of the interest.

"I took further advice to be assured that there is nothing improper about a lawyer writing such a book subject to any necessary waiver of client confidentiality.

"Since Mr West terminated his instructions those inquiries have increased including requests from newspapers to 'sell my story'. Those inquiries have not even been the subject of acknowledgement by me let alone agreement since so far as I am concerned such case papers (including tapes) as exist do so for Mr West's defence and are not for public consumption. Such material remains confidential as between Mr West, myself and any other lawyers instructed.

"Remarks attributed to me in the article have been misquoted and taken out of context in circumstances where having been pursued for two days I spoke briefly with the 'crime writer' referred to, endeavouring to make clear to him that I was not interested in entering into any agreement with him and I was amazed at the figures being quoted at me presumably in an effort to impress.

"Of course if someone received a million pounds they might never work again. However, that has never been my intention. Over the last two weeks I have become absorbed back into my criminal law practice and any issue as to the writing of a book as to my personal experiences has been placed on the back burner.

"However, this article does give me the opportunity of stating that no deal exists in any shape or form concerning the writing of a book or being involved in any film or any publication whatsoever concerned with the West case.

"At no time have I received any monies in connection with the West case other than my professional fees."

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'Reprehensible conduct'

THESE are extracts from a statement from solicitors Bobbetts Mackan of Bristol — the firm which now represents Frederick West.

"We have seen reports that Mr West's former solicitor is offering to sell various tapes and other items that have come into his possession while acting for Mr West. We feel we must now place on record the following:

1. Mr West sacked Howard Ogden because he felt Mr Ogden was preparing material for a book rather than Mr West's defence.
2. On obtaining Mr West's instructions we formed the opinion there was a real risk that Howard Ogden might attempt to use such material for his own purposes.
3. On August 5, our application for an injunction preventing Howard Ogden from dealing or disposing of the material was refused by a High Court judge.
4. If press reports are true, we consider Mr Ogden's conduct to be reprehensible and feel his handling of the matter may jeopardise Mr West's chances of a fair trial.
5. At this stage we are taking whatever steps we can to protect the interests of our client, Frederick West."

West

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case. "He was aware that many journalists were writing books. He wanted the authoritative story told by someone who was properly informed."

He had found himself the subject of many inquiries and was advised to appoint an agent to deflect the inquiries so that he could concentrate on the case. He appointed Jonathan Lloyd of Curtis Brown, London.

"At all times I kept Mr West informed of the interest shown. I took further advice to be assured that there is nothing improper about a lawyer writing a book subject to any necessary waiver of client confidentiality," Mr Ogden said.

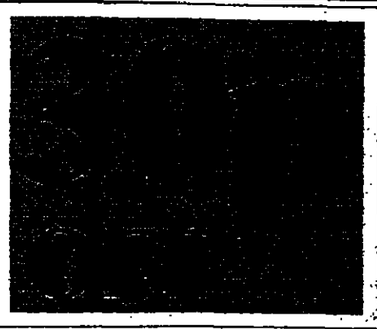
Commenting on a report that he had said if an individual were to make a substantial sum from any sale "would you be fussed about practising law again" he said: "If someone received £1 million they might never work again. However, that has never been my intention. At no time have I received any monies in connection with the West case other than my professional fees."

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Drifter found hanged at beauty spot left written confession

Suicide man linked to murder of waitress

By Stewart Tendler

A DRIFTER found hanging in a lonely country spot may be the killer of Sandra Parkinson, the waitress murdered near a Devon resort, and the rapist of an elderly magistrate.

Yesterday Devon and Cornwall police were examining a note left by the man confessing to the murder. Detectives say he fits the description of a man seen on the path where Miss Parkinson died and his fingerprints match those discovered near the murder scene. Conclusive proof is expected to come from DNA tests this weekend.

Miss Parkinson was found naked, raped and strangled near a cliff path at Salcombe in July. This week police said DNA tests had shown a link with the rape of Muriel Harvey, a JP attacked 20 months ago in Ludlow, Shropshire, on her way home from Christmas mass. Mrs Harvey waived her right to anonymity in an attempt to catch the rapist. Yesterday police said they believed she was still on holiday.

The body of the 32-year-old man was found on Sunday morning hanging from a tree in a field near Brampton in Cambridgeshire. The man comes originally from Yorkshire and police are trying to trace any relatives. They have refused to say whether the dead man has a criminal record but describe him as a traveller who moved from town to town.

The note was found close to the tree and detectives from Devon and Cornwall police were on their way to Cambridgeshire within hours of the discovery of the body.

Yesterday John Evans, Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall, said the discovery of the man was an important development but police were waiting for conclusive evidence from the DNA tests. Mr Evans said that by Monday he would be in a position to enlarge on the many lines of inquiry and establish "whether or not we can confirm that this man is the one responsible for the murder". He added: "We have reason to believe he was in Salcombe on the day of the murder."

It is thought the man may have been the individual seen having a row with Miss Parkinson, who worked at the Grafton Towers hotel in Salcombe but was originally from Stevenston, Ayr.

Detective Chief Superintendent John Essery, who is working with West Mercia police on the inquiry, said there was as yet no evidence that the man had carried out other crimes. He said police were looking at this possibility but nothing had yet emerged.

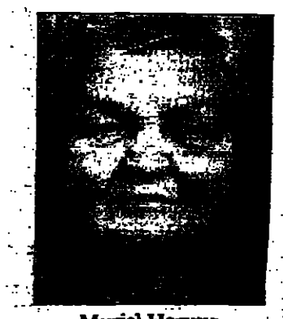
Officers are trying to trace the dead man's movements and Cambridgeshire police are trying to find where he had been living. He was found hanging from a tree in a field near Bromholme Lane near the village of Brampton, about five miles from Huntingdon and the other side of the country from the scene of the murder.

DNA samples from the dead man would probably be used to confirm that he had committed the rape.



Sandra Parkinson, above, who was murdered in Devon and, below, the Cambridgeshire field where the man who may have killed her was found hanged





Muriel Harvey: rape victim

Woman detective to sue PC over bigamy claim

By Kate Alderson

A POLICE detective is to sue her former fiancé and police colleague, alleging that he deceived her into sexual intercourse and marriage before admitting that he was already married.

Det Con Debra Wolfenden, 32, and Constable Kenneth Williams, 35, both serving officers in Merseyside Police, were married in June this year and were about to fly to the United States for their honeymoon when Mr Williams is alleged to have admitted that he was still married.

Rex Makin, Miss Wolfenden's solicitor, said yesterday that his client was suing Mr Williams for deceiving her into having sexual intercourse and inducing her to marry him by claiming that an earlier marriage had been dissolved. "My client is accusing Mr Williams of using deception and false pretences to procure her into having intercourse with him," Mr Makin said.

Miss Wolfenden, of Halewood, and her parents, Norman and Patricia, are also planning to sue for the £5,000 cost of the wedding, a deposit on the matrimonial house and the honeymoon tickets. Mr Makin said he had drawn up the draft particulars of the lawsuit, which the Wolfendens were considering.

The wedding on June 4 was the culmination of a ten-year relationship between the two officers and was followed by a reception for relatives, friends and police colleagues.

Miss Wolfenden alleges that she was led to believe Mr Williams had divorced his first wife, Pat, with whom he has a son Stewart.

Merseyside Police complaints and disciplinary department is investigating the allegations of bigamy. Mr Williams works at Liverpool Crown Court and Miss Wolfenden is based at Stanley Road police station.

Mr Williams was on sick leave yesterday and unavailable for comment.

Police may issue warning posters of bogus doctor

By A Staff Reporter

POLICE are considering a national poster campaign to alert hospitals to a man who posed as a doctor to steal from changing rooms in operating theatres.

Paul Bint, 32, stole wallets, credit cards, stethoscopes, radiopagers and mobile telephones, Preston Crown Court was told yesterday.

After hearing that Bint had convictions for similar offences dating back to 1982, Judge Locken remanded him on bail under the directions of the probation service to a centre for the mentally disordered. He will be sentenced next month after psychiatric assessment.

Bint, of no fixed address but originally from Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, was appearing for sentence after having admitted burglary, obtaining property by deception, theft, receiving stolen goods and forging a prescription.

Richard Hunt, for the prosecution, said property had been stolen last December at the Middlesex Hospital in London, Leicester Royal Infirmary, Walton Hospital, Liverpool, Blackburn Royal Infirmary and the Royal Preston Hospital. "The circumstances reveal a catalogue of dishonesty that enabled him to get within areas of the hospital that were assumed to be safe from thieves," Mr Hunt said.

The court heard that on Boxing Day, Bint told the telephone supervisor at the Preston hospital that he was a locum doctor. He was issued with a radio pager and a pass. "He had taken a stethoscope to enhance the illusion," Mr Hunt said.

Bint also used stolen credit cards and cheque books to obtain petrol and hotel accommodation.

The judge said Bint would have to reside where directed by the probation service. "All the court's options will still be open. That includes a term of imprisonment."

After the hearing, police said they would discuss with hospital authorities whether to circulate posters warning people against Bint, who has previously committed offences while under psychiatric care.



Bint: first convicted of dishonesty in 1982

Driver knifed helping 'stranded' woman

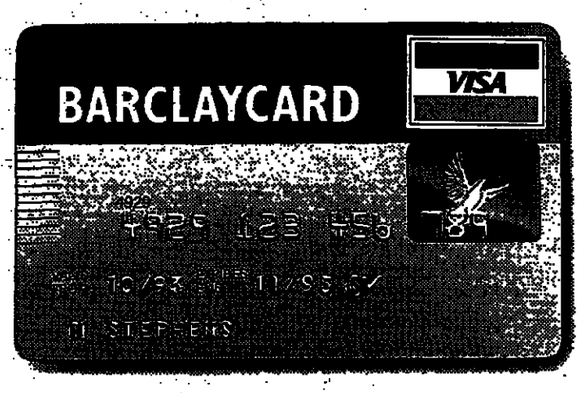
A MOTORIST who stopped to help a woman who appeared to be stranded by the roadside was beaten, wounded and robbed by three men (Kate Alderson writes).

William Parsonage, 33, of Crewe, Cheshire, was driving home from work along the Middlewich Road in Crewe early yesterday when he saw the woman, who was standing by her car with its hazard lights flashing. He stopped to help but while he was looking under the bonnet he was kicked, punched and slashed with a craft knife by three men who appeared out of the darkness.

Mr Parsonage's face was slashed from his left eye to his chin, requiring 19 stitches. He also lost £100 from his wallet.

"The woman looked like an everyday person and I just thought she had broken down," he said later. "At that time of the morning you don't want to drive by a woman who appears to be in distress."

The three men and the woman made off in a Ford Capri and Mr Parsonage made his way in his Renault minibus to a nearby garage. He described the woman as white, 5ft 8in, very slim with brown collar-length hair and in her early twenties. He was unable to give descriptions of the three men.



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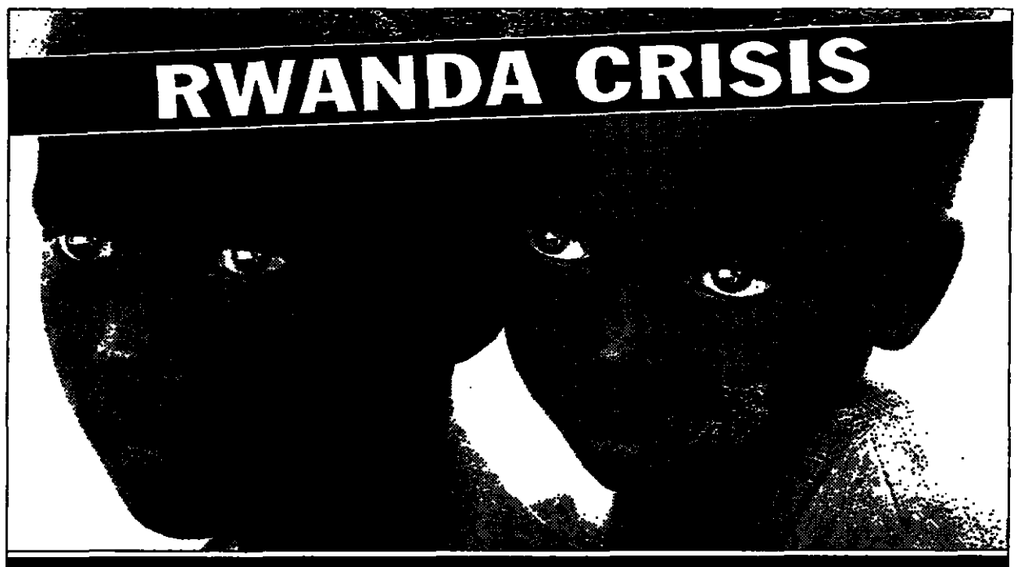
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Cradle-to-grave care undermined

Elderly patients lose right to hospital bed

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS yesterday gave health chiefs the right to discharge from hospital geriatric patients judged no longer in need of medical care, a move widely seen as undermining the cradle-to-grave traditions of the NHS.

Under previous Health Department guidance, no health service patient could be transferred to a private nursing home against his wishes if the individual or his family would have to foot the bill. Under draft guidance issued yesterday to health authorities, patients lost the right to insist on continuing to occupy long-stay NHS beds.

The decision is likely to mean that many thousands of elderly, frail patients who need constant supervision and nursing but whose clinical state is stable will face bills of about £300 a week to cover the cost of private nursing homes. Ministers acted after the health service ombudsman overruled a decision by Leeds Health Authority to withdraw an NHS bed for a man who suffered a brain haemorrhage but still required full-time care after 20 months in hospital.

David Blunkett, the shadow Health Secretary, said: "The Government has severely weakened patients' rights under the NHS and is forcing families to pay for long-term care in circumstances which are not covered by the earlier guidance."

The draft circular was welcomed by Chris Vellenoweth, community care specialist for the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts. He said the move would open up a wider debate about care of the elderly, end confusion surrounding distinctions between medical and social care and free hospital beds for patients in genuine clinical need.

"One of the things that has changed — and some would say to the disadvantage — is that the concept of the NHS providing from the cradle to the grave no longer does apply, and there is no longer necessarily equal access across the country to the services of the NHS ... some of this may mean they do have to pay for the care they require," he said.

"The bottom line is if the old guidelines had been maintained, over time there would have been bed-blocking, denying beds to those in greater need than those occupying them. It had to be addressed."

Places in private nursing homes typically cost about £300 a week and patients are means-tested before being asked to pay.

Local authorities meet the bills of those on income support but people with savings of more than £8,000 or a home that can be sold are expected to meet the full cost. In an NHS geriatric ward, however, all services are free.

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PETER KEMP



Grouse passing butts on the Lammermuir hills in the Borders. Many Scottish moors were closed to conserve stocks for next year

Grouse season starts with few feathers flying

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE glory of the twelfth was distinctly muted yesterday, with light shooting and only minor skirmishes with protesters marking the opening of the grouse season.

Saboteurs claimed to have disrupted two shoots in the north of England, at Gilderdale Forest near Alston, Cumbria, and at Harkerside Moor in Swaledale, North Yorkshire. But the saboteurs' spokesman admitted that it was difficult to find shoots, with landowners rationing the sport to conserve stocks after last year's season, which was devastated by bad weather and a parasitic worm infestation.

A group of 40 saboteurs went to the Gilderdale shoot but found only three guns in action. The sportsmen gave up when the protesters arrived. The 15 guns at Swaledale also gave up after 60 saboteurs arrived. A woman was arrested for allegedly assaulting a beater.

The British Association for Shooting and Conservation said that sportsmen were increasingly avoiding the opening day of the season and waiting two weeks or more, in the hope of avoiding saboteurs. The association said there had been no reports of disruption in Scotland, where shooting was light and many moors were closed.

Somewhere in the North, however, a brace or two fell. They were on the menu of the River Restaurant of The Savoy last night, roasted and priced at £23.

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Canadian MP calls Prince Charles a twit

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Queen begins a ten-day visit to Canada today to be greeted by a demand from an influential group of Ottawa MPs for a change in the country's oath of allegiance to the Crown.

A report by the federal government's all-party committee on citizenship and immigration has recommended that all reference to the Prince of Wales be removed from the oath because, according to some MPs, he has brought the monarchy into disrepute by admitting adultery.

Immigrants who take Canadian citizenship currently swear an oath of allegiance to the Queen, her heirs and successors; the committee recommends that it should refer only to the Queen. John Bryden, a Liberal MP in the Ottawa parliament, said in his submission to the committee that many new Canadians would have reservations about taking an oath of allegiance to someone who had become "a world-class twit".

Mr Bryden, a respected military historian, described aspects of the Prince's life as "sleazy", and added: "It is not going to be easy to regard him with the same respect, honour and love that we have for the Queen."

Canada's small but active Monarchist League has countered with the defence that the Prince has admitted his affair, and that Canadians recognise that people make mistakes.

In Australia all mention of the Queen has been removed from the oath of allegiance taken by new citizens.

Former prep school head admits porn offences

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE former head of a preparatory school yesterday admitted importing and keeping pornographic material.

Ralph Wade, 44, who ran the £2,000-a-term Paragon Hill School in Hampstead, north London, built up a large collection of obscene videos and magazines, Wood Green Crown Court, north London, was told. He was remanded on £50,000 bail until September 2 for reports with the condition that he lives at an address in Worcestershire.

Mr Wade, of Hampstead, who set up the school in 1986, admitted being knowingly concerned in the importation of an obscene video last January and of keeping 123 "indecent and obscene" magazines, 101 cassette tapes and two photosets of a similar nature. A second charge of importing an obscene video cassette in November 1992, which he denied, was ordered to lie on the file.

Neil Stewart, for the prosecution, told Judge McMullan that the importing charge involved an allegation that Wade sent an obscene tape to somebody with the intention that they should be blamed for importing it.

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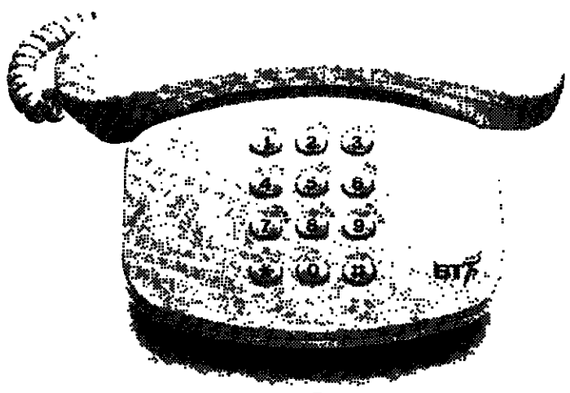
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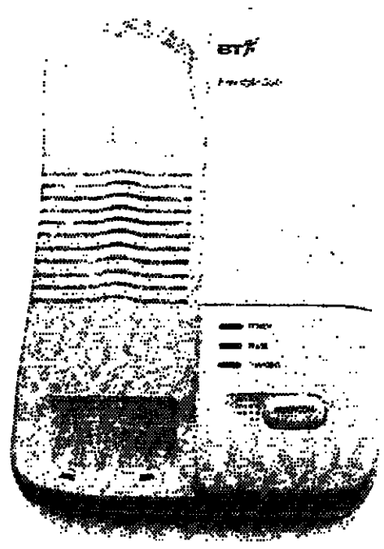


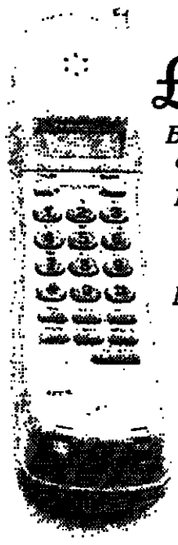
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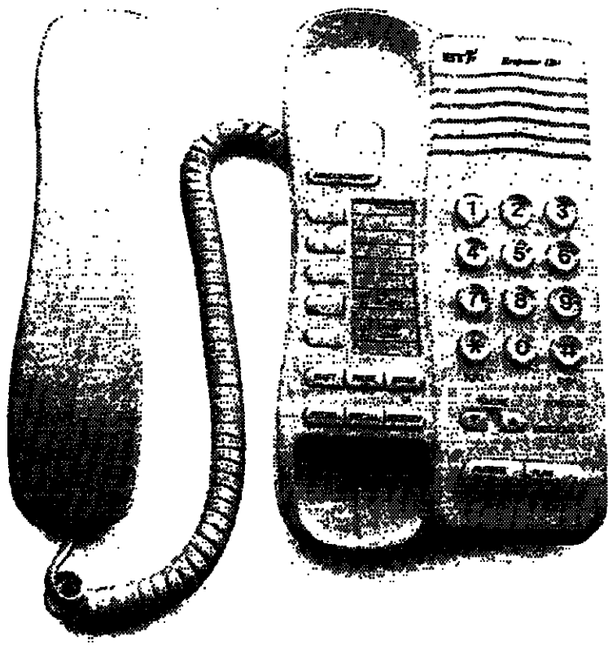
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£1m to keep The Three Graces in Britain opens new episode in family soap opera

Getty generosity lays his father's acquisitive ghost

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE £1 million pledged by the biggest contributor to the campaign to keep Antonio Canova's statue *The Three Graces* in Britain is the latest episode in a long-running saga that might be called Getty v Getty.

For this is not the first time that John Paul Getty, who received an honorary knighthood in 1986 for his philanthropy, has pitted his wealth against that of the museum founded by his father Paul Getty.

In 1984, Mr Getty paid £100,000 to prevent a Duccio *Crucifixion* going from Manchester to the American museum, which is obliged to spend £1.5 million a week under the terms of the oil magnate's bequest. In 1985, the son offered £400,000 toward the £7.5 million required similarly to save Mantegna's *Adoration of the Magi*.

In the same year he gave the National Gallery £50 million specifically to help it to purchase pictures in an art market distorted by his father's $2 billion endowment of the Malibu museum. Mr Getty did not seem to enjoy easy relations with his father, who disapproved of his hippy lifestyle in the 1960s and his marriage to Tahitha Pol, a model born in Bali, who died from a heroin overdose in 1971.

When John Paul Getty's son was kidnapped in Rome, the victim's grandfather held out against paying a ransom. Only after the youth's ear had been cut off and sent to an Italian newspaper did the oil magnate lend, on condition of repayment with interest, a portion of the funds required. Mr Getty says that he and his father did get on and spent more time together than the media knew. The difference, he says, is that he feels more interested in sharing the benefits of his wealth than his acquisitive father could.

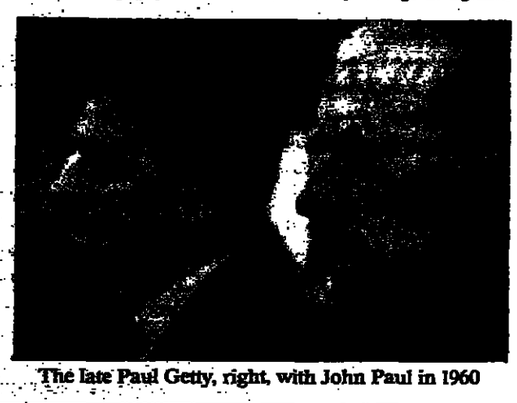
Last year, when the Getty Museum bought a Turner seascape from the Royal Holloway College in Egham, Surrey, for £11 million, Mr Getty said that the Government should stop national treasures leaving the country by deferring export licences until British buyers had had every chance to bid. But he dismissed claims that his father's museum was threatening the world art market.

Mr Getty lives on a 3,000-acre estate at Wormsley in the Chilterns, where he has built an imitation medieval castle of individually knapped flints to house his collection of manuscripts.

He says that he is opposed to excessive acquisition. Beneficiaries of his often whimsical munificence have included the National Film Institute and Museum of the Moving Image (£20 million), Lord's cricket ground (£1 million for the Mound Stand), Ely Cathedral (£500,000), the Imperial War Museum, the SAS, the Union of Democratic Mineworkers and families of striking miners.

"As long as I have money, I will give it away," he has said.

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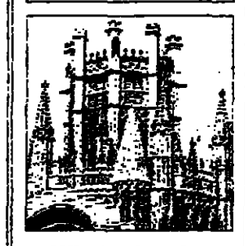
The late Paul Getty, right, with John Paul in 1960

DAVID MUNDEN



John Paul Getty: "As long as I have money, I will give it away"

MONDAY IN THE TIMES



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Trust chief defends boy's Center Parcs trip

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE chief executive of the trust that took a young offender to Center Parcs and a luxury converted barn denied yesterday that its approach was a "soft option".

Christopher Tasker, of the Hartsdene Trust, said care workers had taken the boy away because they needed to establish a relationship with him. During the holiday, however, he escaped from their supervision and burgled nine chalets.

Mr Tasker, speaking publicly about the controversy for the first time, said: "We are very unhappy about what happened at Center Parcs but you cannot predict what someone is going to do. We wouldn't want people to suffer. Our staff responded very quickly and acted very professionally at the time."

After the burglary spree in March, the boy, then 14, went to the barn with three care workers for "quiet reflection". Mr Tasker said: "We needed to go somewhere to stabilise the child. He was in what we call chaos behaviour."

Within a few days the boy, from Grays, Essex, was taken to a seaside hotel in Kent for another attempt at "bonding" with care workers. Last month, Essex County Council decided that the boy should be removed from the care of the trust and held in secure accommodation.

Mr Tasker said: "We are anything but a soft option. We are asking people to face up to painful and difficult problems and take responsibility for their action."

Fines for egg hoard reduced

Three Scottish Appeal Court judges yesterday criticised wildlife protection legislation that does not allow imprisonment of illegal egg collectors.

The judges said in Edinburgh they felt obliged to reduce "wholly excessive" fines of £16,000 on Brian Forsyth, 24, from Balloch, Strathclyde, to £2,000.

Forsyth, who is unemployed, admitted possession of 101 wild birds' eggs at Dumbarton Sheriff Court and was given three months to pay or face going to jail. The judges said there was no chance of him being able to pay.

Brave face

Uwe Rose, a regular at the Edinburgh Festival, was taken to hospital after misjudging a trick in which he hammers a spoon up his nose. Through heavy bandages, he said his Circus Sideshow would go ahead as planned.

Nine held

Police have arrested nine people in connection with the murder of Clarence Cooper, 84, who was tortured, stabbed and strangled at his home in Walsall, West Midlands.

Glue death

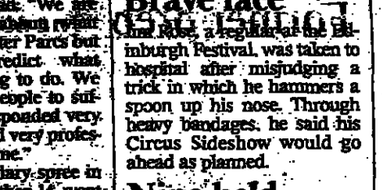
Antony Silkstone, 26, a professional boxer from Leeds, drowned in the Aire in April while high from glue sniffing, an inquest was told. Verdict: misadventure.

BNP stands

The British National Party is to contest a by-election next month in the Shadwell ward of Tower Hamlets, London.

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Pollution spreads in crowded skies

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent



EUROPE'S bewildering range of air traffic control systems is undermining attempts by airlines and aircraft makers to reduce hazardous exhaust fumes over large cities, according to the International Air Transport Association (Iata).

The range of systems, allied to too few runways and airport access roads, is causing unnecessarily high levels of pollution in and around airports from planes and general airport traffic.

Airlines are wasting millions of pounds a year in fuel as their planes pump noxious chemicals into the air while they stack over cities, waiting for clearance to land, or idle on runways waiting for a take-off slot.

Leonie Dobbie, environmental co-ordinator with Iata, said yesterday: "Our industry's effort to reduce engine exhaust emissions and aircraft noise and to improve fuel efficiency are limited by infrastructure deficiencies." These were causing a massive waste of fuel, an increase in exhaust emissions and higher operating costs paid for by passengers, she said.

Attempts are being made to streamline Europe's air traffic control systems through initiatives such as the Euro Control programme, which wants to see the number of control centres cut from 51 to five or six.

There are 31 air traffic control systems operating across Europe, 22 management systems and 33 computer languages in use.

However, the initiative to improve the efficient use of air space is moving slower than the growth in the aviation industry.

Some countries are reluctant to let their air traffic control be handled by other nations and there are disagreements over which of the systems should be adopted.

Ms Dobbie said congestion in Europe was costing $1.4 billion (£950 million) a year. Studies indicated that a stacking aircraft waiting to land burnt up to 4 per cent of its weight in fuel each hour. A jet idling on a runway burnt about 225 kilograms of fuel every five minutes.

The association claims that savings of more than 10 per cent could be made if the infrastructure deficiencies were tackled, but it fears that issues of national sovereignty may undermine the streamlining effort.

British Airways is so concerned about the congestion and its environmental and economic impact that it has seconded a senior member of staff to an action group under the Iata's umbrella.

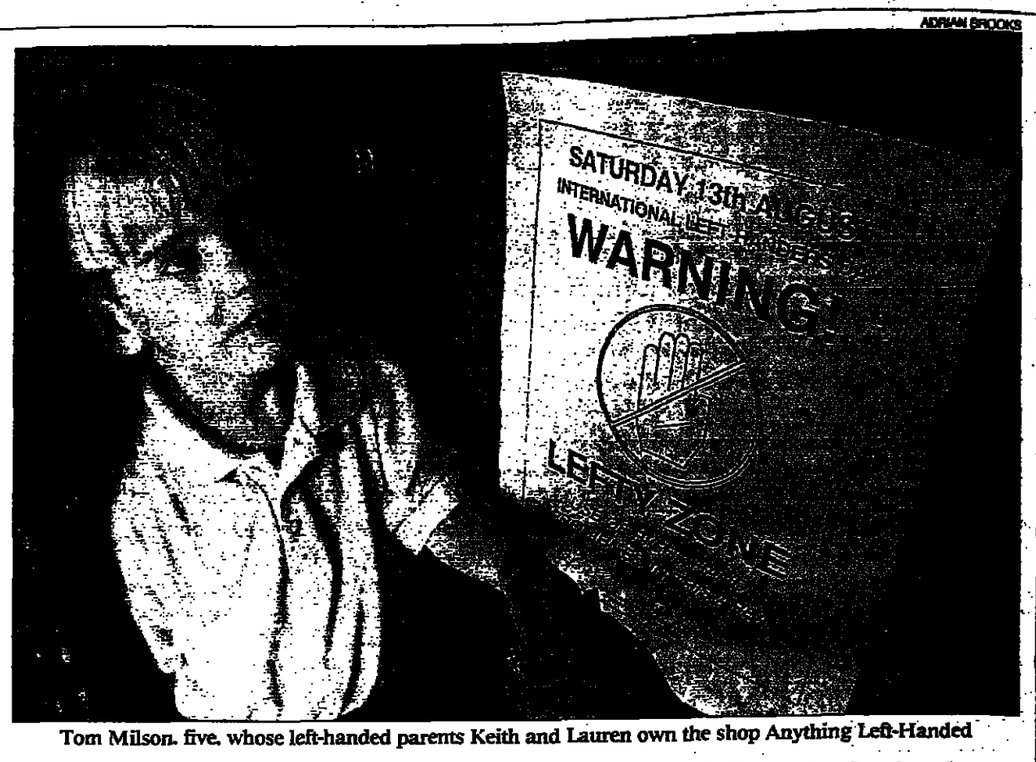
Dr Hugh Somerville, BA's environment expert, said yesterday that congestion due to inadequate air traffic control was causing the company to burn 50,000 tonnes of fuel needlessly each year.

Left-handed get to grips with fate's fickle finger

By Alan Hamilton

PRINCE William and Bill Clinton are cuddy-wifties, as are Martina Navratilova and David Gower, and as were Leonardo da Vinci and Jack the Ripper. The plight of the keggy-fistie, or corrie-paw, is highlighted today with an event in Trafalgar Square to mark National Left-Handers' Day.

There are said to be more dialect words to describe left-handedness than any other human condition, with the possible exception of the ambidextrous activity of love-making. Six million Britons search in vain for a left-handed trouser fly, a left-handed cheque book, or a domestic iron from which the flex does not inconveniently emerge from the right.



Tom Milson, five, whose left-handed parents Keith and Lauren own the shop Anything Left-Handed

Reg Milsom, founder of the Left-Handed Club and proprietor of a shop in Soho selling a variety of implements for the southpaw, said that today's event was aimed at raising awareness, especially among designers and manufacturers, at the problems left-handers face in everyday life.

Among those on hand to convince people that left-handedness is an inconvenience and not an ailment will be the author of a manual on left-handed golf, the left-handed world memory champion, and a left-handed cartoonist.

Civilisation has brought us left-handed golf clubs, cricket bats, guns and violins, but left handers still claim to have the devil of a job finding left-handed potato peelers, hockey sticks, corkscrews and cameras. Their principal gripe is the standard right-handed cheque book, which forces them into contortions filling in the stub.

But there have been two successes this year: a kettle maker has put the water level indicator on both sides, and a major manufacturer of electric drills has moved the safety cut-out switch from the right-hand side to the middle.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

British champion

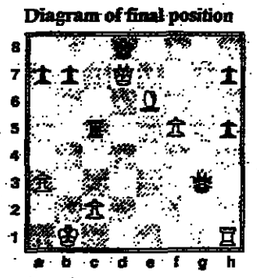
London grandmaster William Watson turned in a superb performance in the British championship that ended yesterday in Norwich. He led virtually from the start and dispatched most of his leading rivals for the title. The following game sees him in sparkling form.

White: William Watson
Black: Andrew Harley
British Championship, Norwich 1994

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e5	c5
5	Bd2	Ne7
6	a3	Nbc6
7	Bd3	Nf5
8	dxc5	Bxc5
9	Bc4	Na5
10	Nxh4	Qxh4+
11	g3	Qd8
12	a3	f5
13	exd6	Qxd6
14	Qe2	0-0
15	0-0-0	Bd7
16	Qh5	g6
17	Qe2	Nd4
18	Qg2	Rac8
19	h4	Qe7
20	Kb1	Bxa3
21	Nxd5	exd5
22	Qxd5+	Ne6
23	bxa3	Bc6
24	Qa2	Bxh1
25	Rxh1	Qd6
26	h5	gxh5
27	f5	Qb6+
28	Kc1	Rfd8
29	Bc4	Rxd2
30	Bxe6+	Kf8
31	Kxd2	Qf2+
32	Kc1	Rc5
33	Qb2	Qe3+
34	Kb1	Qxg3
35	Qf6+	Ke8
36	Qf7+	Kd8
37	Qd7	checkmate

Diagram of final position



Leading scores

With one round to go in the British championship the top scores were Watson 8.5, Howell 7.5, Ward and Arkell 7.

Smoking row erupts

Players at Harrow Chess Club are protesting after a smoking ban was suggested by members John Murphy and Alan Hall. Members are threatening to resign if the ban goes through. The treasurer, Ken Hiron, who has been a club member for 22 years and a smoker for 30, says he will quit if smoking is outlawed.

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A battle to be cheerful, 25 years after troops took to divided streets



Children play football near a sinister mural in the Bogside, Londonderry

IMAGINE a London in which the people of Camden would not dream of going to pubs in Kentish Town for fear of being recognised as intruders and shot dead, where Clapham residents are afraid to visit friends in Kennington, where a young man from Shepherds Bush would be risking his life walking the streets of Hammersmith.

Picture a London in which heavy barriers clank down every night across roads dividing rival areas and taxi drivers are nervous of routes across warring sectors in a city in which no one will give their name or address to a stranger until that person's allegiances become clear.

Such a city could only, we hope, exist in the imagination of a novelist or film maker. Yet this is reality for the people of Belfast. In this city of 300,000, no one — rich or poor, young or old — can truthfully claim that they have not been affected by violence in the 25 years since British troops were deployed in Northern Ireland.

For the visitor, evidence of the underworld war is confined largely to the fortified police stations bristling with security cameras, the roadblocks and the occasional immaculately painted and highly provocative mural.

The streets are no more scarred and broken than those of any other British inner city. Housewives huddle together to chat, children horse around, post boxes are emptied and delivery vans unload their produce. It is initially hard to believe that those vans, solid reminders of the rhythm of urban life, sometimes hold not bananas but bombs.

Within 24 hours of arriving, I had witnessed the controlled explosion of a bomb hidden in a grocery van. The parameters of the scene were familiar from television — young soldiers with frayed nerves fearful of a booby trap and snipers, policemen waving machine guns to get people out of the way, a mass of white tape scrambled across the street like a portion of spaghetti and, after the blast, the mangled innards of the van strewn in a huge arc across the street and rows of broken windows.

What television cannot show is the stoicism of the people, the stubbornness of the organist who refused to stop practising in a church one block from the bomb, the mothers who shrugged their shoulders at the road block and smiled their sympathy at the soldiers and the businessmen with ruined schedules calmly waiting for the area to be cleared so they could reclaim their cars. Because life must go on, people can afford little more than a sideglance at these commonplace terror campaigns.

Everyone is constantly aware of a brute force that prevails out of sight, driven by byzantine factional rivalries and hatreds that even the keenest students of Belfast's underworld cannot fully unravel. One GP, who practises in a relatively untroubled area, told me that one in five of his patients asked for tranquillisers. "The tension and the fear of not knowing when the next killing will be drives people to drink if they can't get sedatives. There seems to be no answer for such widespread acute depression," he said.

A 30-year-old bus driver who has grown up knowing nothing but the Belfast of the Troubles told me that he had recurring nightmares about being caught in the wrong area and attacked. "I've been beaten up several times. Shootings are very real to me and I spend my life just waiting for something to happen. My mother had a nervous breakdown worrying about the family and I've had my fair share of terror — but it's part of life and you simply have to get on."

The long-term effects of violenceon young people can be judged from the statistics. Sixty-five per cent of children in Northern Ireland leave school with no formal qualifications. An unemployment support group found that in the Shankill Road area last year only three children out of several thousand had passed the 11-plus. Unemployment runs at 24 per cent for Catholics and 10 per cent for Protestants. The Troubles seem to have aggravated the usual catalogue of inner city problems of looting, petty theft, alcoholism, compulsive gambling and prostitution.

But observing a city faced daily with a permanent crisis you see and quickly come to respect a population that is more cheerful, friendly and helpful than many others in the British Isles.

A nun who has counselled people in the most deprived areas of Belfast since the early 1970s said: "Some people have never been out of their own area they are so afraid. They are so taken up with surviving they are not able to live properly. But they have great tenacity and resourcefulness. You have to look for hope and when I see a child laughing or a grandfather enjoying himself I remember that these people have an amazing capacity for survival."

Despite the tension, everyone seems to be able to laugh. In one staunchly Loyalist area, I saw graffiti scrawled on a wall: "No Pope Here." Beneath it had been written: "Lucky Old Pope."

Joanna Pitman, a special writer for The Times, returned to England this year after four years as a correspondent in Japan and visited Ulster for the first time this month

How the IRA grew into a monster on diet of violence

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

ALTHOUGH difficult to imagine now, the IRA was once derided within the nationalist community for failing to protect Roman Catholics.

At the beginning of the Troubles in 1969, the republican paramilitary organisation was run by a depleted group of diehards whose contribution was summed up by the graffito in Belfast which read: "IRA — I Ran Away." Since then the IRA has transformed itself into a sophisticated terrorist organisation.

In 1969, the IRA was little more than a ragbag of old men with faded dreams and few firearms. The terrorists had sold most of their weapons to militant Welsh nationalists, leaving them with a few .22 rifles and rusty revolvers hidden in Belfast. In Londonderry, where the Troubles started with the Battle of the Bogside in August 1969, there were fewer than ten IRA members.

The sectarian violence visited upon the Catholic community in 1969 alienated the minority population and proved the turning point in the IRA's fortunes. In December 1969, the IRA underwent the first of many splits when the Provisionals broke away, leaving their opponents to call themselves the Official wing.

Refreshed by a stream of recruits, the terrorists spent most of 1970 building the organisation and procuring weapons. By the middle of the year they had made a remarkable recovery, organising some 1,500 members into a paramilitary structure with a brigade staff and battalions. Then the blood began to flow. In February 1971, the first British soldier to die in the present Troubles was murdered in Belfast. In August, the security forces interned 342 IRA suspects.

The attempt to crush the Provisionals failed. Most leading terrorists escaped detention and internment served only to alienate further the Catholic population. The IRA received another boost at the beginning of 1972 when soldiers from The Parachute Regiment shot dead 13 marchers in Londonderry on "Bloody Sunday". The January 30 shootings solidified Catholic support for the IRA and plunged the province into a round of sectarian killings.



Gunner Robert Curtis, caught in a sub-machine gun ambush in Belfast on February 6, 1971, became the first British soldier to die in the present Troubles. Five weeks earlier, he had arrived in the city with 32nd Royal Artillery Regiment, after a month's hasty combat training. Curtis, 20, from Newcastle upon Tyne, had been married for a year and did not live to see the birth of his daughter.

The Government was so concerned by the deterioration of law and order that it met the terrorists in July 1972 after direct rule was imposed in March. During a 13-day ceasefire, seven of the organisation's leaders, including Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, were flown to London on July 7 to meet Viscount Whitelaw, who was Northern Ireland secretary. The meeting collapsed when Lord Whitelaw rejected their demands for a British withdrawal by 1975.

Three days later the ceasefire broke down and on July 21 the IRA unleashed its most violent assault in the history of the Troubles. Terrorists set off 26 bombs in Belfast, killing 11 people and injuring 130. Dubbed "Bloody Friday", it led to Operation Motorman on July 31 when 12,000 troops smashed their way into the "no-go" areas of Belfast and Londonderry.

In 1973, the Provisionals extended their campaign to mainland Britain by planting a bomb at the Old Bailey, followed in October and November 1974 by a series of pub bombings in Birmingham, Woolwich and Guildford that left 28 people dead.

The IRA was adamant that the tactic of taking its campaign to the mainland would force public opinion to put pressure on the Government to rid itself of the Irish problem. It is a tactic that the terrorists have maintained.

During the bombing campaigns of 1974, IRA leaders increased their political role by holding secret talks with Protestant clergy in Feakle, Co Clare. At the end of the year Lord Merlyn-Rees, by then Northern Ireland Secretary, met some of the churchmen to hear the terrorists' demands, including a declaration of intent to withdraw. The Secretary of State said that he would respond to a genuine cessation of violence and a ceasefire was declared from December 22 to January 2, 1975. Lord Merlyn-Rees authorised talks between his officials and Sinn Fein, and on February 9 the Provisionals announced a truce that petered out in the summer.

Adams and McGuinness are said to have taken over the IRA leadership and reorganised its structure after security forces penetrated the organisation. In the mid-1970s, a system of cells was established, each comprising four members.

The IRA is now run by a seven-man "army council" headed by a "chief of staff". Council decisions are carried out by the so-called general headquarters staff based in Dublin, which is the link between the council and terrorists in the North.

The 1981 hunger strike, when ten republican inmates at the Maze prison starved themselves to death, provided another spur to the movement and brought significant international support, notably in the rise of funds from the United States. In the 1980s, the IRA received its biggest supply of arms in four shipments from Libya, including enough Semtex explosives to see out the century.

As the terror campaign in both Ulster and the mainland continued, Adams tried to maintain that he was committed to the peace process. However, Sinn Fein has refused to endorse December's Downing Street Declaration.

The IRA may announce a ceasefire next month as a political gesture. But as the long and violent history of militant Irish nationalism shows, such ceasefires offer little more than a breathing space in what the IRA calls The Long War.

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Northern Ireland security forces on the streets in 1969. In that year sectarian violence proved a turning point in the fortunes of the IRA

Builder puts back the heart into a shattered city

BY OUR IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE man who orchestrated the defence of the Bogside in Londonderry during the riots of August 1969 has since led a crusade to rebuild the city centre.

Paddy Doherty, 68, known affectionately as Paddy Bogside, has carefully restored 50 buildings in the walled city. His Inner City Trust, which he set up in 1981, has won financial support from all over the world, including the enthusiastic backing of the Prince of Wales.

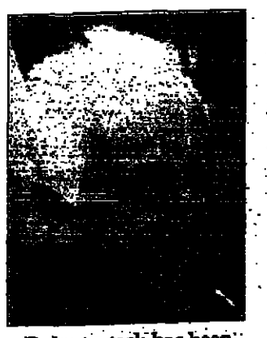
The IRA made Mr Doherty's task a difficult one. At the height of the Troubles in 1972, the Provisionals reduced the centre of Londonderry to rubble in a bombing campaign that avoided killing civilians.

Mr Doherty, a builder by trade who is still a dedicated republican, said he had no problem with the IRA bombings. However, he said that they tore the heart out of Londonderry, whose Georgian buildings within the 17th-century city walls make it the most attractive city in Northern Ireland. "The centre looked as if it was beyond the competence of the Government to repair the damage," Mr Doherty said.

The Inner City Trust started slowly in 1981 by assessing the cost of repairing damaged buildings. The first building to be restored cost £3,000. But today Mr Doherty's aims are more ambitious. Next spring he will open a £4.5 million heritage centre.

Mr Doherty still lives in the modest house he built in the Bogside in the 1950s and which was used to run the area for nine weeks in the turbulent summer of 1969 after he struck a deal with the army. But his new status, criticised by some members of Sinn Fein, highlights the difficulty a moderate republican faces in dealing with the institutions of Northern Ireland. While he is deeply respected in Londonderry, some republicans criticised him last month after he accompanied the Prince of Wales on a tour the city.

Mr Doherty does his best to ignore the carping from Sinn Fein, and presses on with his work. The IRA rarely launches attacks in the city and while the SDLP controls the city council, the mayor's office is rotated between Unionists and nationalists. Mr Doherty said: "Derry turned the corner some time ago. The IRA are obviously sending a message that the rest of the Province can be like this. The Troubles started in Derry — hopefully they'll end here."



Doherty: task has been fraught with problems

The soldier's lot: from cheers and tea to fear and hatred

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SURROUNDED by Zulu warriors at Rorke's Drift, a soldier asked why he was there. "We're 'ere cos we're 'ere," his regimental sergeant major replied. The soldiers enduring tours of duty in Northern Ireland might ask the same answer.

For a quarter of a century, a large proportion of the Army has been tied up in Ulster on an internal security operation which, at the outset, was seen as a temporary emergency measure to restore law and order between the warring Catholic and Protestant communities.

Today, the equivalent of 19 battalions remain on duty in Ulster and, despite recent hopes of a possible end to the troubles after the Downing Street declaration, few in the military believe there will be significant change for many years.

During the 25 years, however, their role has changed dramatically. At 5pm on August 14, 1969, the 1st Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, which was part of the garrison in Ulster, deployed into the Catholic Bogside in Londonderry. They were followed the next day by the 3rd Battalion The Light Infantry, the "spearhead" battalion sent from England. Both units were greeted as saviours by cheering people offering cups of tea, especially the Catholics.

In the words of one senior Army officer, they were like colonial troops sent to bring order to the natives. But within a comparatively short time, and most notably during the weekend of July 3-5, 1970, the Catholics began to suspect the Army of switching its stance from that of protector to enemy. It was during that weekend that the security forces imposed a curfew on the Falls Road area of Belfast, after an Army raid on a republican arms dump. Four civilians were killed and hundreds arrested. The IRA rapidly capitalised on the Army's perceived changing mood.

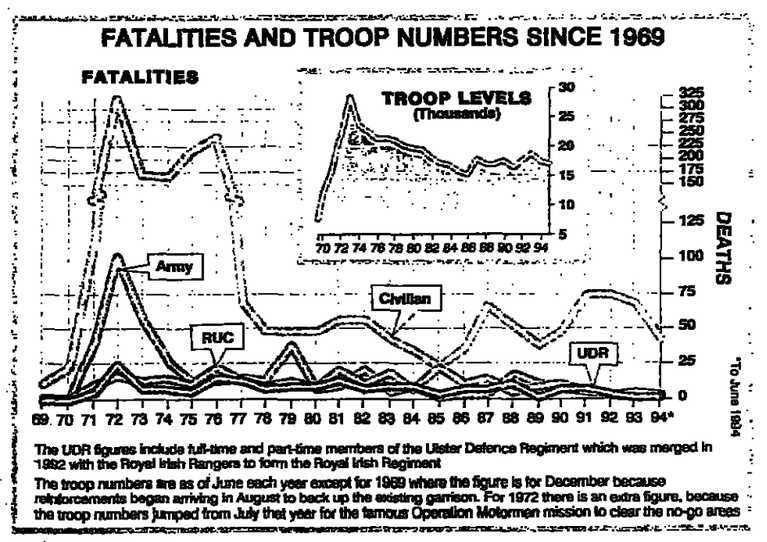
Ever since, the Army has been pig in the middle. Each incident — the Bloody Sunday shooting of 13 people by The Parachute Regiment in 1972, the first soldier (Private Ian Thain) to be convicted of murder while on duty in 1984, the controversy over the use of the SAS and the allegations about a shoot-to-kill policy — has affected the way the Army has been judged by the local communities.

For the 390,000 troops who have served in Northern Ireland since 1969, however, the political backlash from these events has not altered their basic approach to soldiering in the province. After months of training, each soldier comes to Ulster armed with a Yellow Card, the *aide memoire* that dictates when he can open fire.

Whatever politicians might urge — Brian Faulkner, the Ulster prime minister in 1971, called on troops to open fire as a warning to anyone seen carrying a gun or acting suspiciously — and whatever allegations have been made about a shoot-to-kill policy, which the Army dismisses as a myth, the individual soldier has always been accountable for his actions. He has had to act within the law and within the guidelines set out in his Yellow Card or face the consequences in the courts.

These days, the soldiers rarely use their weapons.

The Army's prime role changed in 1977 when, after a period of relative stability, it took a back seat to the Royal Ulster Constabulary and acted in support of the police. However, the Northern Ireland operation is still a focal point in the soldier's life.



The UDR figures include full-time and part-time members of the Ulster Defence Regiment which was merged in 1992 with the Royal Irish Rangers to form the Royal Irish Regiment

The troop numbers are as of June each year except for 1969 where the figure is for December because reinforcements began arriving in August to back up the existing garrison. For 1972 there is an extra figure, because the troop numbers jumped from July that year for the famous Operation Motorman mission to clear the no-go areas

Military patrols led to love affair with the province

BY A STAFF REPORTER

TONY Baker, a sergeant in the 2nd Battalion The Queen's Regiment in August 1969, thought the Army would spend no more than two months in Northern Ireland when he was sent to patrol the streets of Belfast.

Today, he is still in the province after serving three years with the Army and then marrying a local woman. Although he has seen friends shot on the streets, he has no intention of leaving.

Mr Baker, originally from Kent, has fond memories of the reception troops received from Roman Catholics in Belfast when they were deployed in August 1969. "We were welcomed virtually everywhere," he said. "There were cups of tea and buns on the Falls Road. Our initial feeling was that the people of Belfast were friendly and open, like Northerners back in England."

The Army was so badly prepared that at first troops had to bed down on street corners. "As soon as they realised that it was going to be more than a long weekend, the Army requisitioned buildings," Mr Baker said.

The friendly atmosphere was short-lived. In October 1969, one of Mr Baker's comrades was shot after they were called out to deal with a riot in the Protestant Woodstock Road area of Belfast.

Mr Baker said: "The first thing that made me realise that things were not going to end quickly was when the Army allowed the barricades to be built. All the soldiers were opposed to the decision because it did not make sense in military terms."



Baker after a colleague was shot in 1978

He added that the barricades had allowed the IRA and the Ulster Defence Association to organise, and created a ghetto mentality. "We would have had no trouble in taking down the barricades. But they got bigger and better, and the hardliners got stronger."

Mr Baker and his comrades tried to improve relations with the Protestant community in east Belfast by building an adventure playground. "It was featured in the local press," he recalled, "but when we left, the UDA took over the playground as an assault course."

Mr Baker left the Army in 1972 and has since worked as a civilian vehicle inspector in Belfast. In 1978 he was within feet of a colleague and a soldier when they were shot dead by the IRA at a checkpoint.

The violence has the not weakened his love for the province: "The people of Ulster are cracking good fun. Despite the Troubles, the standard of life is better than anywhere else in the UK."

Motorway tolls will cost lives, MPs tell ministers

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

MOTORWAY tolls could lead to thousands more road accidents each year, the all-party Commons Transport Committee said yesterday.

The committee wants an urgent reconsideration of the Government's proposals to introduce tolls at the rate of 1.5p a mile for cars and 4.5p a mile for lorries by 1998-99.

It suggested an increase in fuel duty instead, which would be much easier to collect and less likely to be evaded.

Motorists and hauliers would abandon motorways to evade tolls, leading to "a rise in the number of crashes, fatalities and injuries" on narrower, local roads, the committee said.

Its concerns were set out in a report in response to last year's Green Paper, *Paying for Better Motorways*.

The Green Paper said that tolls were needed to help to reduce congestion, to provide an alternative source of funding new motorways, and to encourage more effective use of the motorway network by charging at the point of use.

But the committee said the idea had been conceived "principally as a means of raising extra money", and none of the justifications advanced by the Government held up under examination.

The Government's belief that it would be able to use proceeds from tolls to help to finance motorway schemes did not appear to have been accepted by the Treasury, the committee said. "There can be no guarantee that the proceeds from tolls ... will not simply be recouped by the Treasury from reductions in public expenditure allocations."

The aim of reducing motorway congestion would simply result in greater congestion on local roads, causing more accidents and greater environmental damage. The Green Paper's estimate that tolls would cut traffic on motorways by 10 per cent at peak periods greatly understated the problem, the committee said. "The Transport Department's own consultants' studies show that this figure could rise to 30 per cent."

The committee said tolls may have a high political risk: "They will be a highly visible new charge which even at relatively low levels could have a high annoyance factor. They will sit uneasily with public perceptions, whether legitimate or otherwise, that motorists have already paid through taxation for the road system."

The Automobile Association said: "Motorists will heave a sigh of relief if the Government heeds the committee's dismissal of electronic motorway tolls."

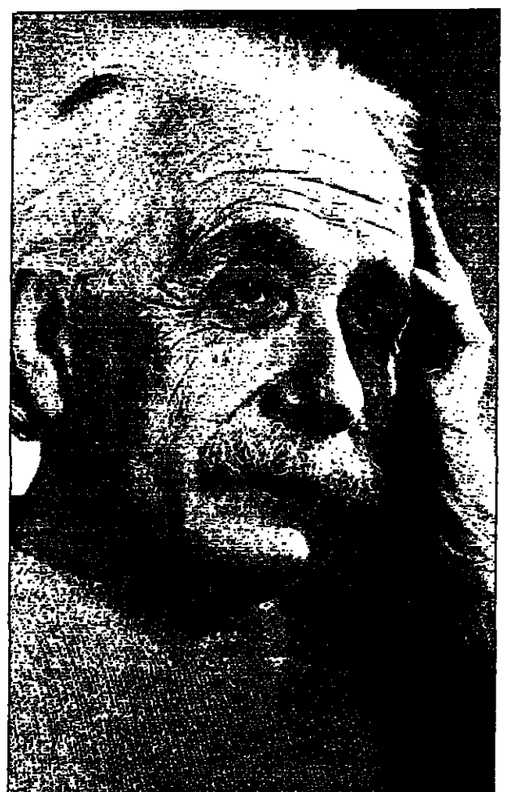
But the Freight Transport Association said that the committee had "got in a muddle" over whether tolls were designed to raise money or provide a more efficient motorway network. "Increased fuel tax, as advocated by the committee, is a blunt instrument which will hit all vehicle operators, whether or not they use the motorways."

Licensing agency to cut 1,500 more jobs

THE Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency is to cut 1,500 jobs and shut 51 regional offices in addition to the loss of 700 jobs at its headquarters in Swansea, announced earlier this week (Kevin Eason writes).

The efficiency drive, which will save an estimated £12 million, will continue until 1997 with the DVLA closing its nationwide network, which registers about 2 million vehicles a year. It will allow car dealers to take over work normally done by its own regional counter staff.

A pilot scheme enabling new cars to be registered from dealers' premises by use of computer links with the DVLA is expected to be in place by the end of next year. The work of 500 staff who deal in specialist number plates will be handled inside the Swansea headquarters.



Albert Einstein, a writer of ardent love letters

Einstein plus love letters equals etc ...

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE posthumous reputation of Albert Einstein has taken another unexpected turn: no sooner have biographers finished accusing the great scientist of being a philandering blackguard than new evidence crops up to show that he was really a sweet-hearted romantic.

A series of love letters written by Einstein to his first love and published this week in the American magazine *Physics Today* shows an ardent, not to say cloying, side to his personality.

Einstein met his Serb paramour, Mileva Maric, in 1899 when they were physics students in Zurich. A passionate correspondence ensued, in which Einstein referred to the object of his affections as, variously, "pussycat", "dolly" and "my sweet little witch". Without her, he wrote, "my life is no life".

Einstein gradually wooed and won Mileva with such romantic suggestions as: "If only you were again with me for a while ... we understand so well each other's dark souls, and also drinking coffee and eating sausages etcetera ..."

When Einstein was 23 Mileva gave birth to an illegitimate daughter (possibly explaining what the "etcetera ..." stands for) who was apparently given up for adoption, hence the accusations of callousness.

Gerald Holton, the Harvard professor who reproduces Einstein's love letters in a forthcoming biography, argues that his attitude to the unwanted pregnancy was characteristic of his time. "They are in stuffy Switzerland where illegitimacy is frowned on," he notes. Einstein immediately married Mileva in 1902, despite the opposition of his family.

The couple would have two sons but the marriage was not a happy one. They were divorced in 1918 and Einstein went on to marry his cousin Elsa. Nazi anti-Semitism drove Einstein from Europe to America in 1933, but he continued to pay for the upkeep of Mileva and his sons, including giving her his entire Nobel prize money.

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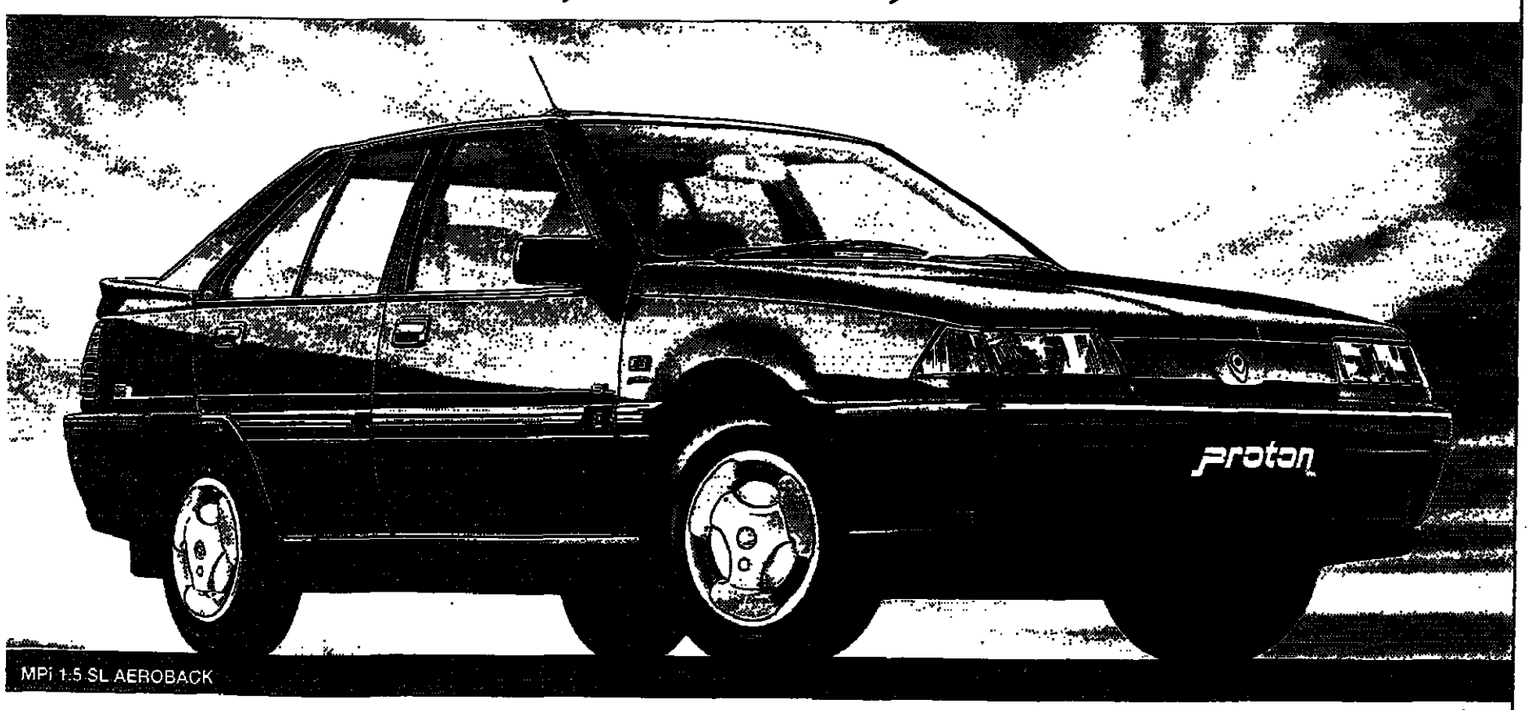
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Ferry firm joins ban on livestock

BY A STAFF REPORTER

BRITTANY Ferries announced yesterday that it would follow P&O in refusing to carry live animals for slaughter because of fears over the suffering caused.

The company will stop exports of farm animals, except those for fattening or breeding, on its six routes to France and Spain from August 22. It said it was also limiting the transportation of animals for fattening or breeding from the traditional routes of the south of England to Brittany, Normandy and the Loire Valley from September 30.

P&O said last month that it planned to stop carrying live farm animals to Europe for slaughter from October unless there was an imminent prospect of improved European Union standards.

Peter Davies, RSPCA director-general, said the announcement was "a very positive step forward for animal welfare".

Fears over drug trials for cancer

BY NICK NUTTALL

THE Imperial Cancer Research Fund has appealed to the Government to preserve lifesaving research amid fears that health reforms are undermining drug trials.

The plea follows findings, published in the *British Medical Journal*, which indicate that a more market-led health service is reluctant to support cancer research because of the extra costs.

Family doctors may be adding to the damage by refusing to include patients in tests because the extra drug bills and hospital care come from their budgets.

The findings have been made by the United Kingdom Co-ordinating Committee on Cancer Research from a survey of 287 specialists.

Professor Robert Cohen, chairman of the fund's council, said: "Trials are vital if we are to treat thousands of people in whom cancer is diagnosed each year."

The reality of divine encounter

Gillian Crow

The Feast of the Transfiguration commemorates a moment of encounter when, like Moses' meeting with God on Mount Sinai, humanity ventures beyond the everyday and comes face to face with the shining splendour of the holiness of God.

Can such an encounter be taken literally by modern Christians? People like Anthony Freeman, the vicar dismissed after denying the existence of anything "out there", insist on reinterpretation according to a subjective outlook; holiness is to be found within, not on the mountain-top. Yet holiness is essentially that which is other.

The image of God that one may find in one's depths may reflect this otherness but is not in itself "God". To uncover it should be the beginning of the quest for the reality beyond, not the end of the trail.

The Orthodox Church understands the Transfiguration as an occasion when God is revealed as truly Other: terrifying in holiness, almighty, Lord of Creation. Yet he is encountered with the senses, as a loving Trinitarian Being. Through a perceptory experience the three disciples become aware, paradoxically, that God is greater than the mind can grasp: that although the human person can be suffused with divinity as the Body of Christ, that divinity is an objective, infinite otherness veiled by the brightness of divine light, evoking reverence and humility.

Such encounter remains central to Orthodoxy in terms of real knowledge of a God who is transcendent. It is an experience offered to every worshipper who sets out on the daring ascent of faith.

Our society, however, tends to define faith as uncertainty, as if God cannot be known and met.

If concrete experience is marginalised, if uncertain "faith" is seen as the end and not the journey, the way is open to dismiss events such as the Transfiguration as myth, to doubt the existence of an unverifiable deity, to retreat into philosophical speculation.

That is to remain at the foot of the mountain; like the Israelites at Sinai to worship idols of one's own making or, as the disciples left in the valley below Mount Tabor, to flounder in religious impotence. Those are not states of freedom but of fragmentation.

By contrast, Orthodox belief is the gathered experience of the divine; shared participation in knowledge of a God who, while unknowable in his limitless essence, has been encountered down the centuries as Person in moments of revelation, of prayer, of communion.

It is with this shared knowledge that the Orthodox Church recites the Creed, not as words that can be redefined according to personal preferences but as humble worship to a God who is known.

Why does the liberal theologian deny such encounter is possible?

When Moses returned from Sinai his face shone with reflected glory. Christ came down from Tabor and manifested his divinity in an act of compassionate healing. If the doubters could see God pervading those who claim to know him, they might take their assertions seriously.

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Berlusconi makes light of troubles as lira plunges

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SILVIO Berlusconi blustered his way through a crisis of confidence in his government that sent the lira crashing on foreign exchanges yesterday, telling Italians "things have never been so good".

The Prime Minister sought to reassure Italians in a series of television interviews at the end of a day in which the lira tumbled to a record low of 1,030 lire against the mark, in spite of emergency intervention by the Bank of Italy, the central bank, which on Thursday raised its discount rate to 7.5 per cent, the first such increase in two years, to try and stem speculation on foreign exchange markets that the government might resign.

Share values on the Milan stock exchange also plunged as investors lost confidence in the three-month-old conservative coalition government's capacity to take effective measures to cut public expenditure and curb squabbling between Signor Berlusconi's Forza Italia and the devolutionist Northern League.

"Inflation is at a historic minimum, industrial production was up in June by more than 5 per cent, many more jobs have been created," the media tycoon said. He told Italians to enjoy their summer holidays and "be serene".

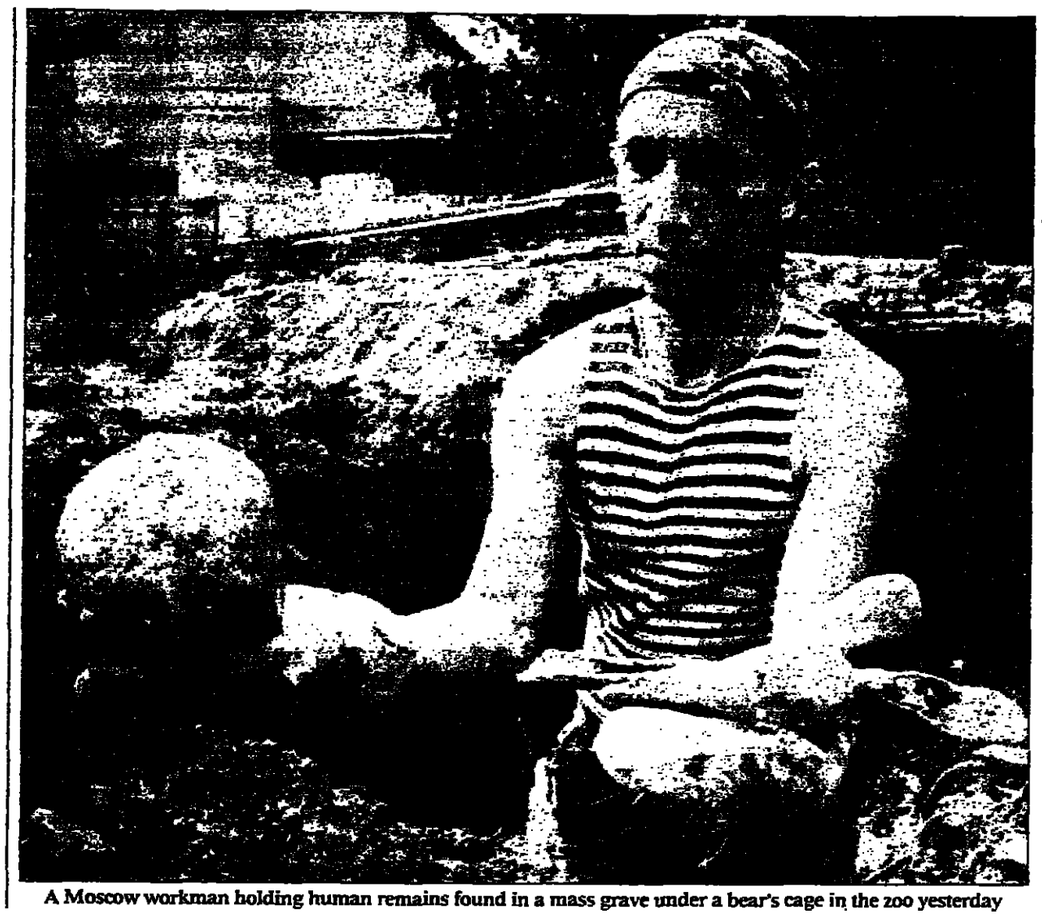
But earlier there had been signs of panic within the hard-Right Cabinet as Clemente Mastella, the Labour Minister, suggested that the "New York Jewish lobby" was behind speculative attacks on the currency, prompting protests from the Jewish community.

President Scalfaro summoned Antonio Fazio, the Governor of the Bank of Italy, as commercial banks began to increase their prime rates in response to the central bank intervention. Dearer money inevitably means Italy's recovery from recession will be slower and Signor Berlusconi will find it harder to realise his main electoral pledge of creating a million new jobs.

Remarks by Giuseppe Tatarella, the Deputy Prime Minister, suggested that his National Alliance, which is Signor Berlusconi's most faithful ally, is still affected by the neo-Fascist ideology which is damaging the government's international credibility. Signor Tatarella blamed the lira's difficulties on "strong invisible powers" such as "Freemasonry".

Signor Berlusconi admitted earlier in an interview published yesterday that executives of his Fininvest business empire had paid bribes but he denied any personal involvement. He told the *International Herald Tribune* that his company had been forced to make the payments, but said they were "ridiculously small" and "there is nothing that can touch me personally". Six Fininvest executives have been implicated in the bribery investigation including Paolo Berlusconi, the Prime Minister's brother, who has admitted authorising a slush fund.

The Prime Minister said he was "shocked" by the payments and had been kept "completely in the dark". He added that "for a company that has 50 billion lire a day of revenues and pays one billion lire a day in taxes, these payments, based on what I have been told, became a necessity to delay and reduce the presence of officials who were interfering with some companies in our group".



A Moscow workman holding human remains found in a mass grave under a bear's cage in the zoo yesterday

Stalin deac unearthed at the zoo

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A GRIM legacy of Stalii massacres has literally resi faced to haunt Muscovites one of the city's best lov parks, the ancient zoo in t heart of the capital.

Workmen building a n bear enclosure this week d covered what appears to b mass grave six feet und ground containing the mains of several peop thought to have been victi of the purges in the 1930s.

"There were lots of bone said Nikolai Bityukov, a fitt whose work at the 130-ye old institution was halt yesterday as investigat took up the search. "First found just a few of them, th more and more as we cont ued to dig the trench."

Although as many as victims are thought to ha been dumped on the si police and public prosecut called to the scene said t they had recovered only th skulls intact. However, v nesses said that each one h been penetrated by a sin bullet, the trademark Stalin's feared security poli the NKVD.

Serbia's blockade cracks

FROM REUTER IN LOZNICA, SERBIA

CRACKS are showing in Serbia's blockade of the Bosnian Serbs just a week after President Milosevic imposed it.

Mr Milosevic cut all ties with Bosnian Serb leaders after they rejected the latest international peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina. The border between rump Yugoslavia and Bosnia was ordered to be sealed on August 4 to all shipments except food, medicine and clothing.

Hundreds of lorries were turned away at the Serbian-Bosnian border in the first days of the blockade, and police have even stopped United Nations aid convoys headed to Serb-held areas.

At Sepak, a border crossing near Loznica, 60 miles southwest of Belgrade, the atmosphere on Thursday was, however, more lax. During a two-hour period, two lorries carrying building materials were seen crossing the border into Bosnian Serb territory after only a cursory search. Many cars were subjected to superficial checks.



Moscow in fear of cholera

FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW is in danger of a cholera outbreak after 24 people suspected of harbouring the disease escaped from police detention in the city, a senior medical officer said yesterday.

Igor Nadezhdin, press chief at the city's central medical administration, said the escapers were part of a group of 67 detained after they arrived on a train from the southern Caucasus region of Dagestan, where an outbreak of cholera has killed at least 12 people.

"The risk for Moscow is very great. If just one of those who escaped has the disease and then infects one or two more people, we could have a real outbreak," he said by telephone.

Those detained were suspected of having been in contact with a 49-year-old woman cholera victim who was removed from the train before it arrived at the city's Kursk railway station. "As the group was being taken away, 24 people broke away and ran out of the station." Mr Nadezhdin said. The remaining 43, including 13 children, were taken to hospital for urgent medical tests.

Mr Nadezhdin appealed to the 24 to surrender so that they can be tested for the disease, which has already killed one person in Moscow. Vasili Agapov, the Deputy Health Minister, said yesterday that it was time to put Dagestan, where 375 people were suffering from the disease, under quarantine.

Disaster encore at the opera

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

The disaster-ridden Bastille Opera in Paris dismissed its popular musical director, Myung Whun Chung, yesterday in the latest chapter of a saga that combines elements of tragedy with farce and melodrama.

In crisis virtually since it opened in 1989, the £400 million theatre will have to embark on an urgent search for a new musical director just five days before rehearsals for the autumn season are due to begin.

Mr Chung left after a long-running power struggle with the theatre's new management, which wanted to reduce his responsibilities and curb his pay rises.

Mr Chung said he was pushed aside to give a clear run to Hugues Gall after the latter's appointment as overall director of the Bastille by Jacques Toubon, the Gaullist Culture Minister.

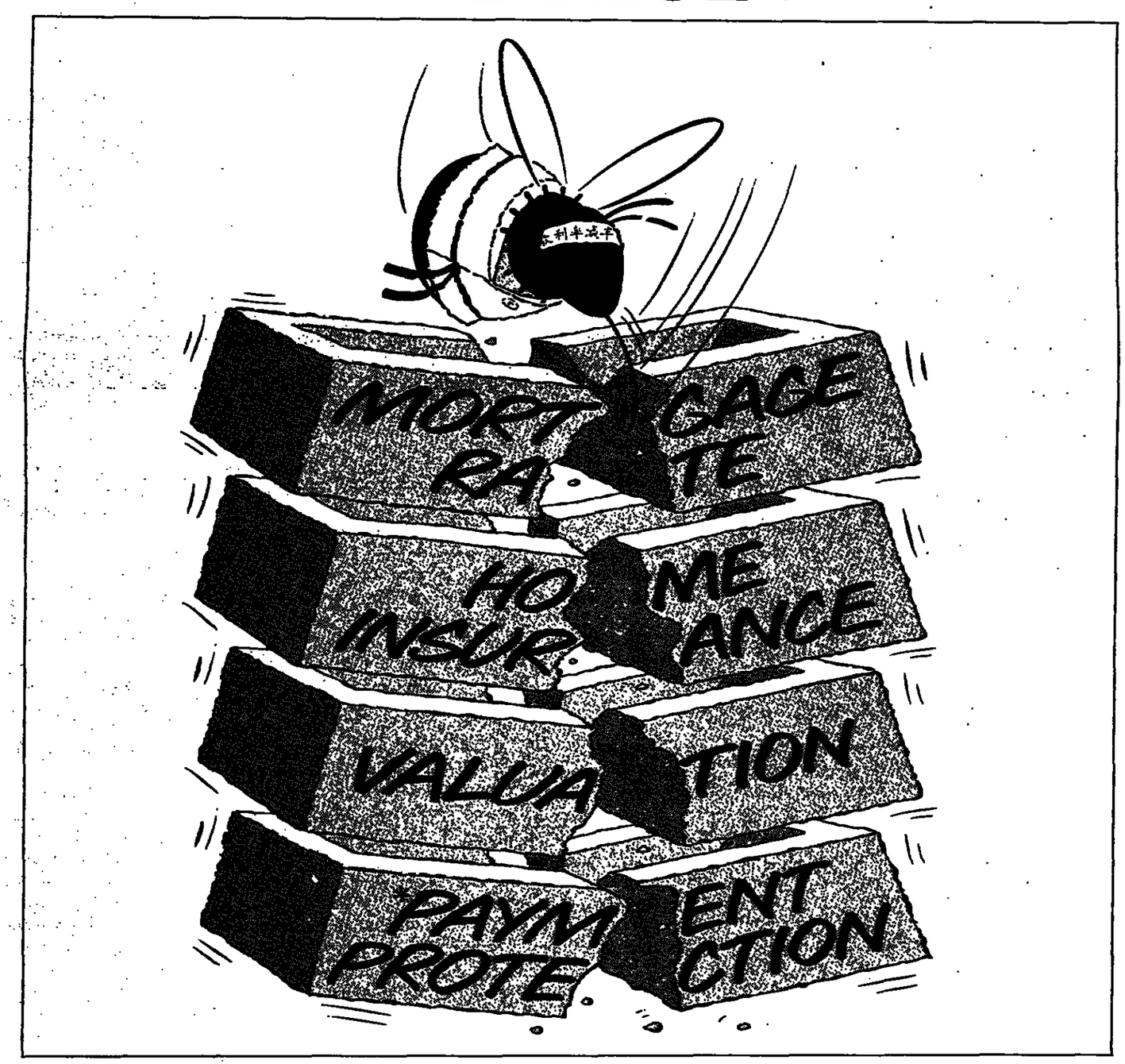
The dismissed director said in *Le Monde* that under proposals designed to force him out he would no longer have had the right to choose the repertoires and singers that he wanted and would have been replaced regularly by guest conductors. When he refused to accept the conditions, his contract was terminated.

"It is as though you told a singer while negotiating a contract that he could come and sing the first act and that a decision on whether to continue would be taken during rehearsals," Mr Chung, a South Korean who learnt French within a year of arriving in Paris, said.

M Gall sees things differently. Built on the orders of President Mitterrand in 1989 and run for four years by his friend, Pierre Bergé, the fashion tycoon, the Opera is nothing less than a disaster that requires radical surgery, he believes.

It has huge debts, having lost £8 million in the past two years alone, its staff are regularly on strike in protest at redundancy plans and its costs are exorbitant.

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UN seeks to head off massacre in Burundi

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

r E United Nations Secre- lf-General is to ask the elurity Council to deploy : eekeepers in the Central ssican nation of Burundi to Avent tribal violence explod- ɔ into wholesale slaughter. ɪɔn neighbouring Rwanda.

outros Boutros Ghali fears ta the recent killings in wundi, which has the same imic make-up as its neigh- ltr, could be the prelude to pespread killings like those a: have claimed hundreds of ɪtusands of lives in Rwanda. Testerday troops in Burundi llsloned off the university in dheapital, Bujumbura, in the ɪ ɜst effort to quell the bloody g est between Hutus and Tutsis in which hundreds have died in recent weeks.

UN officials say Dr Boutros Ghali will soon present a plan for the dispatch of UN "blue helmets" to Burundi. Diplomats say he is likely to ask for the deployment of about 100 peacekeepers at the main airport in Bujumbura.

Burundi first asked for 1,000 UN peacekeepers after violence last October, but the council turned it down. Dr Boutros Ghali then asked for the dispatch of about 100 UN observers to Burundi when the massacres began in Rwanda in April, but the request was again rebuffed. Now, however, the council may be prodded into action.

Like Rwanda, Burundi is overwhelmingly Hutu. But the political set-up in the country is a mirror image of the situation in Rwanda before the death of the Presidents of both countries in a suspicious plane crash on April 6.

In Rwanda, the death of President Habyarimana, a Hutu who had agreed to a power-sharing arrangement between the two tribes, opened the way for hardline Hutus to incite genocide against the minority Tutsis. In Burundi, however, it is the Tutsis who dominate the government and have been trying to set up a broad-based administration to include the Hutu majority.

The country elected its first Hutu President, Melchior Ndadaye, last year. But he was assassinated in October by renegade Tutsi soldiers, prompting a wave of massacres that left tens of thousands dead. The demise of President Cyprien Ntaryamira, the Hutu who replaced him, only worsened the situaion.

Mathias Hitimana, a Tutsi opposition leader, was placed under house arrest on Sunday after calling for a strike to turn Bujumbura into a "dead city". Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, the interim President, a Hutu, believes Tutsi extremists intend to provoke a violent change of government.

housands more flee to Zaire

FROM REUTER IN KIGALI

OUSANDS of Rwandan gees began moving west- ds towards Zaire from ınd the southwest Rwan- town of Gikongoro yester- . aid officials said.

ıey said Rwandans, living oadsides around Gikongo- ɔn the eastern edge of a ıch-protected area, packed r belongings and were ing on foot and by car. ted Nations officials have that as many as a million gees could flee the haven n French troops pull out in ɪt ten days.

ore than a million Rwan- refugees are already liv- in overcrowded, disease- camps in Zaire. One aid ıcy official said: "We don't t to start a panic, as gees in the camps haven't ed yet, but our colleagues Gikongoro say a large ber — thousands — are ng towards Zaire." There 500,000 refugees in the ongoro area alone.

Gorillas may fall victim to war

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN GOMA, ZAIRE

A NATIONAL park inhabited by the mountain gorillas championed by Dian Fossey, the American conservationist, will soon be reopened to tourists, Rwandan authorities have announced. But there are fears that the animal population which featured in the film *Gorillas In The Mist* may have been decimated by recent conflict in the area.

There has been deep concern about the plight of the gorillas since the veterinary research centre established by Fossey in the Virunga mountains near Ruhengeri, in northern Rwanda, was closed when fighting between government forces and the Rwandan Patriotic Front began in April. Foreign conservationists working with the gorillas were forced to leave and patrols were suspended.

Before the civil war there were an estimated 600 gorillas worldwide, about 320 of them in the Rwandan mountains. Without protection, Rwanda's gorillas have been under threat not only from the fighting but also as a result of refugees fleeing through the mountains to Zaire.

They could have caused gorillas to move into the territory of others: silverback males will often fight to the death when they come into contact. There is also concern that the animals have fallen prey to poachers. New concerns were raised last week when it was reported that the research centre had been looted.

The victorious RPF, which is leading the new Rwandan government, has refused to grant access to the gorilla retreat, on the ground that that the area is heavily mined and unsafe. But in an effort to entice visitors back, Deus Kagiraneza, the newly installed prefect of Ruhengeri, has launched a programme to clear mines and wants conservationists to return.

Mr Kagiraneza, 34, is a former RPF soldier and bureaucrat. He says that in March the United Nations Development Programme conducted a survey of the gorillas, but no new data have been compiled since the war. He says reports that several gorillas were killed by shelling are likely to be true. He was involved in skirmishes with Rwandan government soldiers in the park and is convinced gorillas were caught in the crossfire. "We would hear them crying out in the night," he said. "They were cries of pain and suffering."

With rangers and guides dead or fled to Zaire, information is hard to come by. Mambo Mamboleo, principal of the Zairean Institute for Conservation in Goma, 25 miles from Ruhengeri, has heard that a family of seven was killed in the fighting. He said up to three families might have moved from parks in Zaire, and says that when there was fighting in Uganda in 1980 gorillas fled to Zaire.

TONY STONE



Gorillas, already endangered, have been caught up in the Rwandan conflict

NEWSBRIEF

Suspect in Argentina bombing detained

Buenos Aires: A Lebanese citizen, Akram Farhat, was detained yesterday in Paraguay with the help of Interpol. Paraguayan media said he could be involved in the bombing last month of a Jewish centre in Argentina.

Iran denies any participation in the blast, and yesterday, Argentina distanced itself from Manoucher Motamer, the informer who linked four Iranian diplomats to the Buenos Aires bombing. Tehran again summoned the Argentine chargé d'affaires to its Foreign Ministry. *(Reuter)*

Police move in

Tirana: Albanian police broke up a seven-day hunger strike by about 2,500 former political prisoners seeking compensation for wrongs suffered under the communist regime. The government said it could not afford to pay them. *(Reuter)*

Fresh trial

New York: Lemrick Nelson, 18, acquitted of killing a Jewish scholar in race riots in 1991, sparked by the death of black boy struck by a car in a Lubavitcher Jewish motorcade, is to be retried, for violating the victim's rights. *(AP)*

Historic visit

Jerusalem: Nabil Shaath, a top aide to Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, visited Jerusalem for the first time since 1946. The future of the city, which he described as "our home town" is the toughest issue between Israel and the PLO. *(Reuter)*

Istanbul blast

Istanbul: Six Turks, a Czech, a Swede and a Romanian were hurt when a bomb exploded at a bus station that serves routes into European cities. Turkey said nobody had claimed responsibility. *(Reuter)*

Birds at risk

Bonn: More than 1,000 of the world's 8,500 species of birds are in danger of extinction because of destruction of their habitats, Birdlife International, based in Cambridge, England, said. *(Reuter)*

Son vows to clear father of murders in 1952

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

THE son of a French peasant found guilty of murdering a top British civil servant and his family is to break a 40-year silence in an effort to clear his father's name.

The move is the latest in a series of attempts to clear up the mystery that still surrounds the deaths of Sir Jack Drummond, a high-flying government biochemist, his wife, Ann, and his ten-year-old daughter, Elizabeth. The family, from Nottingham, were found dead near their tent, outside the town of Lurs, Provence, in August 1952. Sir Jack, 61, and Lady Ann, 46, had been shot and their daughter had been battered with a rifle butt.

The discovery sparked one of the most sensational French murder investigations of this century and culminated in 1953 in the imprisonment of Gaston Dominici, the patriarch of a large clan of peasants who owned the farm on which the Drummonds were camping. According to the prosecution, he had been watching Lady Ann undress and was found by Sir Jack.

The issues were, however, never clear-cut. Of the 17 adults in the Dominici clan, only one would talk about the fateful night. Gaston's son, Gustave, 33, broke down after a lengthy police interrogation and said his father was the murderer, a claim later backed by his brother Clovis.

Gustave Dominici retracted his evidence, reaffirmed it and retracted it again before the trial, but his father was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in 1953. He died in 1965.

Throughout the years Gustave Dominici, now 75, has claimed his father was the victim of a miscarriage of justice. Now, according to his lawyer, "he who has been silent for so long wants to talk and is going to talk".

Appealing to France's supreme court for the case to be reopened, M Dominici has vowed to throw new light on a mystery that still intrigues the French legal community.

Germany 'blocking help for Abiola'

GERMANY has been accused by a British MEP of preventing European action in support of democracy in Nigeria (Michael Hamlyn writes). Edward McMillan-Scott (C, North Yorkshire) claims that the German government, which holds the EU presidency, is reluctant to act because of its deep commercial involvement with the Nigerian military regime. Mr McMillan-Scott called last month for European ambassadors in Nigeria to visit Chief Moshood Abiola, widely regarded as the winner of the cancelled election last year and who is in jail charged with treason. But the suggestion was turned down and Mr McMillan-Scott says he was told by officials that "important national interests" were at stake. He says that a German firm is heavily involved in building Nigeria's new capital, Abuja. Commercial sources in Lagos also point to German involvement in building an aluminium smelter on the coast. A third major German involvement is the supply of equipment by Dornier to the Nigerian navy. German officials declined to comment, on the allegations of Mr McMillan-Scott.

☐ **Oil threat:** Nigeria's fuel workers' union said yesterday that it will destroy oil installations if the government bans it after more than a month of a strike in protest at the military regime. *(AFP)*

Mandela steps up drug fight

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT Mandela yesterday promised to try to break the power of crime syndicates in South Africa, which is in danger of becoming a world centre for drugs.

Alfred Nzo, the Foreign Minister, said in parliament that drug smuggling had escalated since South Africa rejoined the international community and the country is regarded as an easy transit centre.

Drug dealers are becoming more bold, and one syndicate has threatened the life of Tokyo Sexwale, the Prime Minister of the province that includes Johannesburg. The group is said to have planned to kidnap his father.

Mr Sexwale said in a radio interview yesterday: "We can't allow this country to go down the road of Colombia. No drug lord will ever establish his empire here." He promised to continue his campaign against the drug trade and against theft, murder and rape.

The traffic in drugs has been largely blamed on Nigerians moving into South Africa. A Nigerian has been accused of running a series of "mules" carrying drugs in Thailand, where a former beauty queen, Vanessa Goosen, a Miss South Africa competitor, is in jail accused of trying to smuggle 6lb of heroin.

Lee Brown, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, will visit South Africa next week and is expected to discuss the possibility of opening of an office of the American Drug Enforcement Agency in the country.



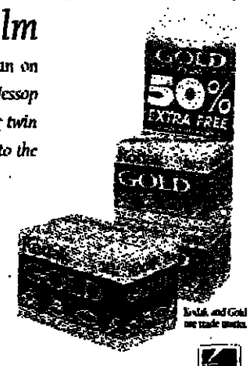


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Clinton leads campaign to resurrect crime Bill

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton was wallowing in a political storm yesterday after the loss of his crime Bill, which has thrown healthcare reform into doubt and could mean defeat for Democrats in elections in November.

Mr Clinton, desperate to salvage political capital after the biggest legislative disaster of his presidency, flew to Minneapolis for a hastily arranged speech promoting the $30 billion (£21.5 billion) crime Bill to members of the National Police Association.

But leading Democrats in the House of Representatives announced that they would delay consideration further debate over healthcare reform indefinitely in an attempt to resurrect the anti-crime legislation, considered even more important by the American public than the health Bill.

The previous evening a coalition including 58 Democrats blocked passage of the crime Bill by 225 votes to 210. Forty-eight of the Democratic dissidents were mainly Southern conservatives backed by the National Rifle Association (NRA), which opposed the Bill's ban on 19 semi-automatic weapons widely used by criminals. The other ten were liberals who object to broadening the capital punishment which, they say, is applied disproportionately to minorities.

Mr Clinton yesterday appeared to be making an appeal to Americans over the heads of Congress to breathe new life into the crime Bill, and by proxy healthcare reform, two pillars of his White House and those issues most likely to damage his party in congressional elections in November. There is a risk of Democrats losing control of both houses, rendering Mr Clinton hamstrung for the final two years of his presidency.

Reverting to the populist rhetoric that won him the election in 1992, Mr Clinton said he would ask Congress to return every day until the essential elements of the crime Bill could be offered. "This Bill cannot die," he said. "Congress has an obligation to the American people that goes way beyond politics and way beyond party."

With the help of mayors in big cities, Mr Clinton promised to "fight and fight and fight" after Democratic and Republican supporters said it was still possible to pass a crime Bill this year.

The current Bill would expand the death penalty, allow the hiring of 100,000 more police and provide more than $6 billion to build prisons.

Many Republicans have poured scorn on parts of the Bill which would provide job-training and after-school activities as well as new drug treatment and prevention programmes. The Republicans complain that a call to the equivalent of 999 would be answered by a social worker or a coach training a group for midnight basketball.

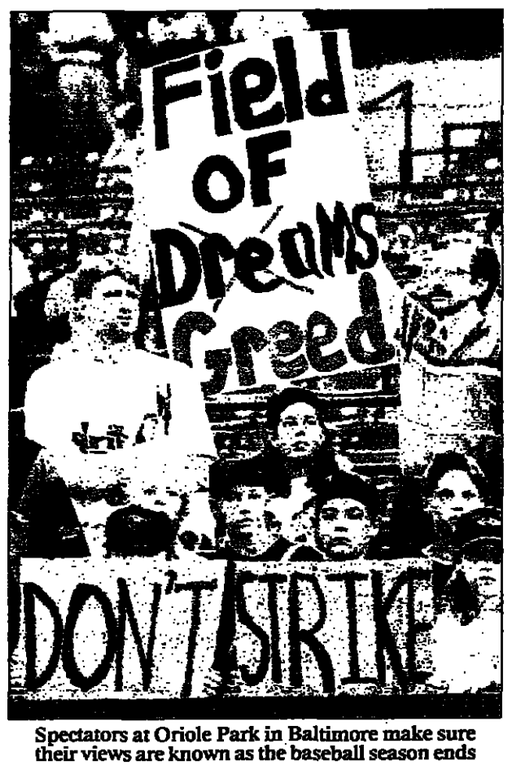
The most controverial feature of the Bill has been the ban on assault weapons. Intense lobbying by the NRA persuaded Democrats who oppose gun control to vote against the Bill. Mr Clinton, his Cabinet and White House staff mounted a telephone campaign to win over undecided members of Congress. "It was the legislative equivalent of the shoot-out at the OK Corral," said one Democratic aide.

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Washington: As many as million Americans n firearms; 45 per cent them say protection is overriding incentive, cording to a survey by *News and World Report*. The poll also reveals t 86 per cent of men pport the right to keep a n in the home and 63 r cent of women agree.



Erin States, aged ten, of Tracy, California, appealing to players while watching batting practice prior to the Oakland Athletics game against Seattle Mariners on Thursday



Spectators at Oriole Park in Baltimore make sure their views are known as the baseball season ends

Fans unite in anger as baseball strikers quit pitch for more pay

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AMERICA'S major-league baseball players went on strike yesterday, bringing one of the most exciting seasons in decades to a halt and leaving millions of fans angrily pondering the future of a sport where profits have become more important than performance.

The walkout comes at the end of a evenly matched and acrimonious slugging-match between the players' union and their employers. The millionaire owners of the baseball teams, claiming poverty, are insisting that the players submit to a salary cap; the players, already hugely overpaid in the opinion of many fans with average yearly earnings of $1.2 million (£784,000) each, have refused, adding that they are prepared to stay on strike until next year if necessary.

The dispute has displayed the venality at the heart of America's national pastime. "Greed" read a one-word sign held up by enraged fans on Thursday night at the end of what will probably be the last game of the season at Yankee Stadium.

The owners want to fix a limit on the total salaries paid by each of the 28 teams, a system that exists in the national football and basketball leagues. They claim that this will enable smaller teams to survive, ensure a balanced competition between teams and, of course, save them a great deal of money.

Both sides, with dazzling hypocrisy, have accused the other of naked greed. Yesterday's strike, the third such stoppage since 1980, is likely to wipe out the remaining 52 days of the baseball season, 668 games, the play-offs and the World Series.

Three strikes and you are out may be the final verdict on the game itself, according to some sports commentators, who predict that this unpopular strike, at a time the season is reaching a climax, could jeopardise the very future of the game.

Several radio stations, infuriated by the impasse, made a pre-emptive strike by refusing to broadcast last week's games or announce scores unless the strike threat was lifted. "If the players don't care about the fans, then we don't care about them," said a spokesman for two radio stations in St Louis.



Palmer: Hall of Fame pitcher fears for game

Nothing brings Americans together like baseball, and fans are now united in a seething fury at the entire baseball establishment. "The fans are asked to pay more and more. And then you turn it off," observed Jim Palmer, an ABC commentator and Hall of Fame pitcher. "Then you expect the fans to come back. Some of them won't."

The fans are not the only ones to suffer; a range of businesses, from hot-dog vendors to advertisers to parking attendants, stand to lose millions of dollars. New York City alone will be deprived of about $109 million in revenue by the premature end to the baseball season. That the New York Yankees remain at the top of the league is but small compensation.

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Naval 'Berlin Wall' bars way to Cubans

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

ALARMED that thousands of Cubans may be planning to flee their homeland, the United States government has said that it will halt any mass exodus of refugees by boat to Florida.

The threat was followed by an appearance on Cuban television by President Castro, who for the second time in a week accused Washington of fomenting tensions among Cubans by not allowing them to visit America. Another likely cause of unrest is the worst economic crisis since the revolution that brought Dr Castro to power in 1959.

President Clinton is determined to avoid any repetition of the boatlift in 1980 when 125,000 Cubans arrived in weeks, swamping Florida's social services and changing the face of Miami. The flood of refugees began when Dr Castro opened the port of Mariel, 25 miles west of Havana, and hundreds of Cuban exiles in Florida set out in an armada of small boats to fetch relatives and friends.

Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, said America will take "all prudent steps" to stop vessels from crossing the 90-mile strait between Cuba and the Florida Keys. The proposed blockade by dozens of Coast Guard and naval boats as well as surveillance aircraft was described yesterday as a "floating Berlin Wall". So far this year 5,350 Cubans have arrived in the United States by boat, nearly 2,000 more than last year.

Cuban-American leaders in Miami, appealing for calm, supported the policy of resisting another mass exodus.

Korean nuclear talks hit trouble

BY IAN BRODIE

NUCLEAR negotiations between the United States and North Korea ran into snags yesterday when the two sides tried to put their tentative agreements in writing.

Robert Gallucci, chief of the American delegation in Geneva, was gloomy as the North Koreans kept him waiting for hours without calling him to a promised meeting. He said the two sides had worked to find common ground on certain issues, but there were other important areas in which "we still do not have an agreement". In Washington, White House officials conceded that the status of the talks had become "confusing".

The North Koreans insisted throughout the day that the two sides would meet at some point but they were apparently waiting for clearance from their government of a joint statement with the Americans. A North Korean diplomat said the text would deal with establishing normal relations between Pyongyang and Washington in return for North Korea freezing its nuclear programme.

The US has been trying to negotiate an agreement under which North Korea, accused of diverting material from its nuclear power programme in order to build nuclear weapons, would change from graphite reactors to light-water technology that produces less of the plutonium needed for bombs.

☐ **Tokyo:** North Korea yesterday accused the United States of stepping up war preparations in the Korean peninsula by selling Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to South Korea. *(AFP)*

Woodstock spirit lost in the mix

BY BEN MACINTYRE

"By the time we got to Woodstock we were half a million strong ... We are stardust. We are golden."
Joni Mitchell, 1969

BY THE time we got to Woodstock we were about 170,000 strong, because the remaining 80,000 tickets were still unsold. We had tags strapped to our wrists and were marched into a fenced compound by state troopers and security agents with guard dogs.

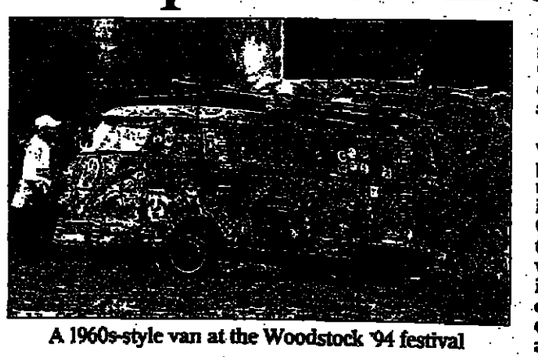
We are $135 poorer. We are almost all under 30. We are being milked. We are resentful.

Woodstock '69, that anarchic festival of bad weather, bad drugs and good vibes, when American youth grooved for three muddy days of peace, love and music, is being commemorated this weekend with a silver anniversary festival where contemporary youth is expected to do just what it is told for three days of merchandising, portable toilets, cash machines and mosquito repellent. There is also music.

Children, tent pegs, food, drink, deck-chairs and drugs are all banned. Even before the gates opened, security guards found a "very, very small" stash of marijuana in a tree and were very, very disapproving.

The acts began yesterday, but the main performers, including Bob Dylan, Joe Cocker and Melissa Etheridge take to the stage today and tomorrow.

The strange and uncomfortable mixture of '60s nostalgia and '90s commerce that is Woodstock '94 is representative of a problem faced by many in America's baby-boom generation, now approaching middle age: how does one stay Forever Young, as the song demands, when you are plainly getting old, rich and responsible? Most seem determined to have their cake and eat it (hash brownies? Not any more), content to celebrate the rebellious events and symbols of the '60s while frankly ignoring their spirit.



A 1960s-style van at the Woodstock '94 festival

Thus the President, a prime product of the '60s faced with the paradox of having attained power, wears jeans and a leather jacket on Air Force One, has smoked pot but never inhaled, and chews a cigar while golfing but never lights it.

The middle-aged American parent, gazing with distaste on his drug-whacked, rap-ridden, mall-rat progeny begins "Look, I was young too once ..." — and throughly deserves the sullen aggression he gets in response.

Most baby-boomers reflect with mushy sentimentality on past rebellion while making money and voting for their interests. The poet Allen Ginsberg neatly reflected these contradictions recently when he pondered the meaning of the new Woodstock: "It could be both a continuation of the spirit of Woodstock and a co-optation or a commercialisation or a commodification of that spirit." Commodification. Now there is word to bring solace to Peter Pans in pin-stripes. It means you can be both a proud product of the counter-culture and a pillar of the establishment.

There was a delicious rumour going round New York last week that at the last moment the organisers of the Woodstock festival might, once again, declare it to be a free concert. Was this a late flowering of the true spirit? Not quite. Without huge crowds as a backdrop, it was suggested, the financiers feared the video of the event might not sell.

Marxist titan earns money-mad China's respect

■ Thanks to Deng's policies, China's growing market economy has brought prosperity and energy to the cities but also crime, nepotism and corruption

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

PERHAPS the most famous saying of Deng Xiaoping, China's ailing leader, was the one about it not mattering whether a cat was black or white so long as it caught mice. So the cartoon in Peking's *Worker's Daily* seemed a little daring by Chinese standards: it showed the two famous cats chasing a rolling coin while a mouse stood nonchalantly by, arms folded, out of harm's way.

In money-mad China, it seems, even the cats have given up mousing these days in pursuit of lucre.

Still, the whole point of developing a market economy and opening China to foreign trade and investment, initiated in 1978 by Mr Deng, and reinforced again in 1992 to counter opposition to the pace of economic expansion by hardline conservatives, was that China should become both prosperous and modern.

As he approaches his 90th birthday on August 22, Mr Deng can reflect that he has succeeded in achieving that for China beyond his own wildest dreams. China's booming economy, fuelled by foreign investment, continues to race ahead, and Peking is projecting its power to such an extent that its neighbours fear its growing military might.

Although Marxist slogans remain, the name of Mao Tsetung is invoked and his rubicund features adorn the Gate of Heavenly Peace at the Forbidden City, today's China would be unrecognisable to Mao.

Mr Deng, a veteran of the Long March who was later purged by the Chairman during the Cultural Revolution, lives quietly with his family. His daughter, Deng Lin, has said that her father takes walks, drinks a little rice wine each day and plays a rubber of bridge. His only official title, although he remains the unchallenged leader of China, is chairman of the Chinese Bridge Association. Ms Deng said that her father was "very well" although unconfirmed reports here say that Mr Deng failed to make a planned trip to a Yellow Sea resort at the beginning of August, indicating his health may have suffered a downturn. One rumour is that he is in a coma.



Deng Xiaoping, his wife Ghou Lin at his side, will be 90 this month and, though his reforms are likely to make China a superpower during the next century, many of his compatriots fear instability will follow his death

However, the revolution he initiated continues. A sense of raw energy permeates the cities, although there are also increased rates of crime. When you open the window you let in fresh air but also flies and mosquitoes, the Chinese say, so gangsterism, nepotism, corruption and prostitution abound, as do labour unrest and rural discontent. There is no political freedom and human rights activists are being detained. American pressure to improve human rights was virtually abandoned with the recent renewal by the Clinton Administration of China's "most favoured nation" trading status. But China is booming and Mr Deng will be remembered for that as a successful man of vision, but also — among a small coterie of intellectuals — for the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. "Chinese respect him, but they do not regard him as a god as they did Mao," said one foreign ambassador. "Most don't talk about Tiananmen now, perhaps it has gone out of their consciousness in the rush to get rich."

Not being regarded as a deity, despite a moderate personality cult surrounding his writings, would presumably please Mr Deng, who once said: "Leaders are humans, not gods."

Ordinary Chinese, who lived through the upheavals and famines of the 1958-59 Great Leap Forward, the 1966-69 Cultural Revolution, and Tiananmen Square, are adamant they do not want instability and unrest again when Mr Deng dies.

The men likely to succeed him are not titanic figures like Mao or Mr Deng. President Jiang Zemin, 68, and Li Peng, 66, the Prime Minister, are singularly uncharismatic, and Mr Li additionally carries the albatross of having ordered the troops to crush the student rebellion at Tiananmen Square, and Zhu Rongji, 66, who is credited with doing a good job with the economy, has no independent political power base.

"I think post-Deng China will have a collective leadership" said one envoy. "The time for charismatic leaders in China is past."

Mr Deng joined the European branch of the Chinese Communist Party while working in the Renault factory in Paris in 1924, and so is possibly the longest-serving member of any Communist party in the world.

This is a thought that is hard to take in when viewing the capitalistic frenzy of Peking, Shanghai, Canton and a host of other cities with their market reforms. All this activity would have been approved by Adam Smith, who postulated in *The Wealth of Nations* that self-interest would operate to bring about the healthiest economic conditions for all citizens. One can only imagine how Karl Marx would have regarded Mr Deng.

> "Most don't talk about Tiananmen now — perhaps it's gone out of their *minds in the rush* to get rich"

As he approaches his 90th birthday, a Communist at least in name, the leader appears to have set the foundations, through his "Socialist market economy", for making China a superpower and perhaps the most powerful state in the world by the middle of the next century.

Cambodia army joins kidnap talks

FROM MARK DODD IN PHNOM PENH

THE Cambodian army has sent a team of intelligence officers to supervise negotiations with Khmer Rouge guerrillas holding three Western tourists as hostages, a senior officer said yesterday.

"We've sent our officers to that place — officers from the intelligence bureau," he said. "These negotiations must be *conducted very secretly.*" The officer, based at Defence Ministry headquarters, said the Khmer Rouge had made no threats to kill the hostages and needed them for protection.

Mark Slater, 28, from Britain, Jean-Michel Braquet, 28, from France, and David Wilson, 29, an Australian, were taken hostage on July 26 after their Kampot-bound train was ambushed by guerrillas. Thirteen people were killed in the attack, the eighth train ambush on the Kampot line in southern Cambodia since 1993. The Khmer Rouge still holds 16 people — the three Westerners, three ethnic Vietnamese and ten Cambodians.

The captives are being held at a base called Vine Mountain, about 90 miles south of here. The guerrillas are demanding $46,000 (£30,000) for each of the three Westerners. The army has been encircling the camp where the three are held, raising fears among Western diplomats for their safety. But a minister said on Thursday the government had agreed to negotiate with the rebels about a ransom.

Khmer friends and relatives of the hostages and captors would be used as go-betweens in the negotiations, the officer said. *There will be no direct* contact between senior Cambodian army officers and Khmer Rouge, he said.

Earlier yesterday King Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodia's head of state, renewed an appeal for the Khmer Rouge to immediately release the captives. "Please pity the parents and families of the unfortunate trio and think about the reputation of our nation and motherland ... Please release them and allow them to return to their families," he said.

The 71-year-old monarch, in Peking for medical treatment for cancer, said the hostages were innocent of any wrongdoing. He issued a similar *appeal last week.*

The Khmer Rouge, responsible for the deaths of one million Cambodians during its brutal reign in the 1970s, continues to reject national reconciliation. *(Reuter)*

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A festival city for Scotland

Allan Massie on Edinburgh's role in European culture

It was one of fortune's rare happy strokes that the International Festival came to Edinburgh in 1947: it might easily have alighted elsewhere. In the dark days after the war, as Europe shivered in misery, shame, regret and apprehension, Sir Rudolph Bing, conductor of the Glyndebourne Opera conceived of a celebration of art as an affirmation of the values of European civilisation. Sir John Falconer, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, responded enthusiastically. With an imagination and intelligence which perhaps none of his predecessors in that office had displayed since the 18th century, when George Drummond conceived the idea of draining the Nor' Loch under the Castle Rock and building the New Town, Falconer seized the opportunity: so Bing's Festival came to Edinburgh.

The proposal was sceptically received by many citizens, the staider of whom deplored the invasion of their city by a host of dubious foreigners, and therefore betook themselves to Highland hotels or the golf courses of Fife for the duration. But more people had the sense to see that Edinburgh was exactly right: a dramatically beautiful city, violent and serene, dark and lucid, romantic and classical, a Gothic warren which had also been the birthplace of the Scottish Enlightenment, a place indelibly associated with some of the greatest names in the cultural history of Scotland, and indeed of Europe.

> The city of Sir Walter Scott was also the city of Burke and Hare

Yet if the Festival was necessary for Europe — and the most moving moment of that first festival was the reunion of the Vienna Philharmonic with its great conductor Bruno Walter after he had been forced to flee Hitler — it was necessary also for Edinburgh.

Compton Mackenzie, who had established himself in Drummond Place in the last stage of his transformation from an English Edwardian novelist to a grand old man of Scottish letters, wrote in 1955:

> Towards the end of the Victorian era, Edinburgh was receding into provincial status. How has it come about that today Edinburgh is more conscious of being a capital city than at any time since the Union with England? Surely we must all admit that what has revealed to the rest of the world Edinburgh's right to claim once more her position amongst the capital cities of Europe, is the Festival . . .

He was right, even though that status had been recognized in the 18th-century Enlightenment, when Edinburgh became known as the Athens of the North, and a foreigner said he could stand by the Mercat Cross and within half an hour take 50 men of genius by the hand. It might have been truer to say that the Festival was the greatest thing to happen in Edinburgh since the publication of *Waverley* in 1814 made Scotland and the tartan the rage throughout Europe, and Edinburgh a centre of romantic tourism comparable to Rome, Florence and Venice.

Of course Edinburgh's pre-eminence has been disputed even in Scotland. Glasgow was the "Second City in the Empire", while Edinburgh was sinking into the stagnant provincialism deplored by Mackenzie. Glaswegians derided the chilly complacency of the Edinburgh bourgeoisie, and at the end of the 19th century Glasgow produced in Charles Rennie Mackintosh a great innovative architect in tune with the European avant-garde (though it made sadly little use of him).

More recently, within the past two decades, a group of talented novelists (McIlvanney, Kelman, Gray) poets and playwrights, film-makers and comedians, have suggested that the authentic Scottish culture is that of the West of Scotland industrial working class. Certainly, Glasgow may be credited with a demotic vigour which often appears to be lacking in Edinburgh, although more recently young writers such as Ian Rankin and Irvine Welsh have done something to supply it.

Yet Glasgow is not so firmly rooted in Scottish cultural history as Edinburgh, and it is not a European city, as Edinburgh is. Glasgow looks west, not east — to Ireland, to the now-vanished Empire (its wealth was founded on the sugar and tobacco trades), and to America. Indeed in its willingness constantly to re-invent itself, Glasgow sometimes seems in spirit at least to be the easternmost city of the US.

Edinburgh, on the other hand — thanks to its thrawn and native conservatism, and to the indolence and indecision of its council, did not suffer the worst architectural depredations which ruined so many British cities in the Sixties and Seventies. It remains the most beautiful city north of the Alps. Like many of the great cities of Italy, it is still human in scale (though choked by traffic), and one can walk from the bottom of the New Town to the extremity of the Old in half an hour. To stroll from the Castle to Holyroodhouse is still exhilerating, and it is a city in which one is always glimpsing the country beyond.

Being an antithetical city — the Edinburgh of Sir Walter Scott and Jeffrey's *Edinburgh Review* was also the Edinburgh of Burke and Hare — a city of lawyers as well as poets, it can arouse in the same individual feelings of love and hatred, delight and exasperation. In one mood, Robert Louis Stevenson thought the happiest of mortals were passengers on southbound trains from Waverley, who had "heard for the last time the cry of the east wind among her chimney pots", but he also recalled days when he saw the city "through a sort of glory", wearing "a surprising air of festival". Then it was "what Paris ought to be".

From Samoa he looked back on Edinburgh, which he would never see again, with loving regret. It is a city which no one who has known it and loved it ever shakes off.

Allan Massie's Edinburgh *will be published on Monday (Sinclair-Stevenson, £30).*

More is at stake than sheer terror

Anne Billson says horror movies are a useful British conduit for our unspeakable fears and desires

Peter Cushing's obituarists have taken care to point out that only a third of the films in which he appeared could be classed as horror movies. Yet it is for his supremely elegant contribution to the horror genre — and his work for Hammer films in particular — that he will be most fondly remembered.

Ironically enough, one of the recurring notes sounded in the obituaries was a wistful nostalgia for the days when Hammer buoyed up the British film industry with its fabulous Gothic confections. Ironically, because back in 1957, when *The Curse of Frankenstein* was released, the media consensus was that it was "depressing, degrading", "sickening and nauseating" and "among the half-dozen most repulsive films I have ever encountered". There was even a proposal for Hammer films to be classified with the certificate SO — for Sadists Only.

Nostalgia for the days of Hammer is something that was shared by Cushing himself. "Horror films of today," he said, "repel you and you're sickened. The Hammer ones that we did make you shiver and shake and cuddle each other to feel comforted, but they never repelled."

Nowadays, of course, we live in a world in which Hannibal Lecter and other, non-fictional serial killers have attained cult status, a world in which the television news is routinely packed with atrocity. Nowadays, only the most faint-hearted filmgoer is likely to be sickened by the exploits of such quaint old reprobates as Baron Frankenstein, Count Dracula, the Werewolf and the Mummy.

Cushing said he didn't care for the term "horror", though he always insisted he was not ashamed to be associated with the genre. "I think the films are as much fantasy as anything." But as long ago as 1973, David Pirie (whose book *A Heritage of Horror* remains the definitive study of English gothic cinema) was proposing the now prevalent view that *The Curse of Frankenstein* was actually "a colourful and witty fairy story".

And fairy tales were precisely what they were: fairy tales for grown-ups. The moral of the story was always clear to see. Good inevitably triumphed over evil. Learned authority figures such as Van Helsing, supported by the Church and traditional family values, invariably managed to drive stakes through the hearts of uppity foreigners, uppity women or — best of all — uppity foreign women, who cocked a snook at the established order by running round in flimsy nightgowns and baring a sexy fang or two.

Down at some deep subconscious level, it was all very comforting. Men, women, werewolves and working-class zombies each knew their place in the scheme of things, and the status quo was preserved. Those peculiar middle-European settings populated by superstitious villagers and big-bosomed wenches bore little resemblance to British life as anyone knew it, but at the same time they were somehow quintessentially English.

It helped sell the myth of Britishness abroad — so successfully that Hammer was awarded the Queen's Award to Industry. Despite the distrust of genre that has always informed this country's film-making, horror is to Britain what the Western is to America — an integral part of our national culture.

It makes sense. As a race, we Britons are notoriously bottled-up. Ever since the Civil War, we have been lumbered with an unresolved puritanical streak which plays havoc with our attitudes to things such as sex, food and children. But the horror genre has long provided a conduit through which our most unspeakable fears and desires can be expressed. Horror films and stories allow an audience — consciously or otherwise — to absorb ideas about death, decay and the human condition which in their undiluted forms might be too vast, distressing or downright embarrassing to contemplate.

And so, horror, like any thing or person appointed a depository for man's dirtiest secrets, gets a rotten press. On the one hand, it is regarded with scorn, as though it were a spotty teenage habit that should to be outgrown. On the other, it provokes cries of outrage and demands for it to be banned as a corrupting influence.

But to do away with horror would be dangerous, if not impossible. To weed the horror out of British culture, you would have to dig all the way back to *Beowulf*, Shakespeare and the Jacobean tragedies. The British and horror go together like blood and guts. It is surely no accident that the three most potent and enduring fairy tales in Western culture — *Dracula*, *Frankenstein* and *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* — originated here in the British Isles.

Few distinguished writers of fiction this century have not at one time or another tried their hand at a tale of horror or fantasy. And unabashed horror writers such as Ramsey Campbell and Christopher Fowler are the unsung heroes of contemporary British fiction, exploring the anxieties inherent in such modern pursuits as shopping for food, claiming insurance or visiting the dentist.

Like the best contemporary horror films (which nowadays, alas, have to be imported from America), these stories deal with the real world, but at heart they're still fairy tales. Good doesn't necessarily triumph over evil in *Hellraiser*, *Candyman* and *A Nightmare on Elm Street*, and the special effects might be a good deal more revolting than they were back in the days of Hammer, but that doesn't mean the stories are any less moral. One day we'll be looking back on them with nostalgia.

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Why is the Army in Ulster?

Roy Foster says that all sides in Northern Ireland might now be alarmed if the troops were to leave

It might be thought that Northern Ireland is all too keen on celebrating anniversaries, but here is another one: the quarter-centenary of the British Army being called in to keep the peace on August 14, 1969. I remember sitting as a 20-year-old Trinity undergraduate in Bewley's cafe on Grafton Street that fateful week, being told by a student friend that it was "naked imperialism". He is now a rather right-wing Dublin barrister, and the troops are still there — 17,000 of them (or 30,000 if you are Gerry Adams trying to impress an American audience by counting in every policeman and part-timer as well).

Of course, as we are told over and over again, they were initially called in to protect the Catholic minority community of Northern Ireland after a near-pogrom: their arrival was resented by Protestants and unionists much more than by Catholics and nationalists. That television image of the cup of tea being offered to a soldier by a Falls Road matron has become canonical, like newspaper photographs of couples kissing in the London streets on VE Day. The shift in perceptions was swift and dramatic as the conflict became fully militarised and Sinn Fein emerged, conveniently giving credence to Unionist shibboleths about the civil rights movement being a façade for old-style nationalism. But the polarisation was also precipitated by the perceived partiality of the army.

Over a short period in the early 1970s, the implementation of policies of curfew, random searches (notably the invasion of the Falls Road in July 1970) and finally the high-risk tactic of internment guaranteed this polarisation. And none of it worked. The climax was the horror of Bloody Sunday in January 1972: 13 civilians shot dead by the Paras, and an astoundingly inadequate official reaction. The old Stormont government was finished off a few weeks later by its inability to deal with "law and order", but direct rule did nothing to moderate the alienation of the nationalist community from the army, which was seen as a guarantor of the Unionist status quo.

We hear curiously little of the experience and attitudes of soldiers in Northern Ireland: the odd revealing television documentary, testimony in the occasional inquiry into a disputed "incident", a handful of deeply reticent memoirs from the high-ups, the headline quotes from bereaved mothers or girlfriends. Visiting Belfast, one watches the terrified or aggressive young faces above huge machine-guns and wonders what it is like to be them. Long ago, Dervla Murphy began her classic study of Northern Ireland, *A Place Apart*, with a telling scene: crossing the border from the Republic, she said something cheery to the soldier who checked her through, and was met with blank astonishment. They live as among aliens, uncertain where and how they can fraternise, overloaded with a disputed authority, easy prey to prejudice. The army in Northern Ireland is presented to us in television drama, fashionable thrillers and sub-Le Carre novels, as a futuristic experiment with draconian control mechanisms in the Orwellian limbo of the last cargo-cult colony. One sometimes wonders if they see themselves like that.

Probably not: but it could hardly have been otherwise. Nonetheless, given their record of dealing with Northern Ireland's warring communities, which has been mixed at best, and the public-relations presentation of their role, which has been uniformly disastrous, it is easy to forget that they were originally called in to counter the evident untrustworthiness of the Protestant special constabulary, and that extreme Unionists passionately resisted their advent. Ironically, one reason why their image changed with such drastic speed was that they were exposed — and, apparently, vulnerable — to the most paranoid suggestions of the deep-Orange side of the political spectrum. Another reason was the rise of a particularly ruthless and brutal terrorist movement from 1970, which was sustained not only by communal divisions but by the emotive historical issue of British army uniforms on the streets of nationalist areas, where the political culture was built on denying the moral basis of Britain's authority in the first place.

The army's role was also confused by the odd dissonance between central government in Britain and the "peacekeeping" arm of the State, and the reliance on attitudes to public control which had probably been outdated at the time of Tonypandy. Twenty-five years ago, the combination of the British Government's reliance on precedent rather than on constitutional definitions, and the insecurity (if not anomaly) of the Northern Ireland government's relations both to Britain and to the Republic, were bound to create enormous problems in deploying military force. And given the problems created for any democratic state by the existence of a dedicated subversive organisation prepared to use terrorism, the army could not win.

Over 25 years, the RUC has held a hard line and retained much respect, while the part-time UDR conspicuously has not: but both speak with Ulster accents. The army remains in the thankless position of piggy-in-the-middle. This would probably have been inevitable even if it had been employed, for instance, to break the Ulster Loyalist strike which brought down the brave hope of the power-sharing administration in 1974. While the IRA promiscuously extends its definition of "legitimate" targets to include judges, civil servants, builders' suppliers and alleged "informers", the army remains both its prime target and its most treasured propaganda issue.

There have been successes in Northern Ireland. The city of Derry, scene of Bloody Sunday, is today described in glossy airline magazines as a "showpiece", bursting with enterprise, its streets empty of soldiers. However, this is due not only to the heroic efforts of community leaders but to a demographic shift amounting to voluntary resegregation. And in the other areas too where there is hope for the future — such as achievements in housing, education, cross-community cultural initiatives — it has nothing to do with the army's record. Soldiers are not, after all, trained to police civic communities, much less bring them together. In Northern Ireland as elsewhere, the best they can usually do is keep — or even drive — them apart.

Nonetheless, it does not make one an apologist for "naked imperialism" to speculate that things might not have been spectacularly different under UN troops (if such a step had been feasible), or that without a peacekeeping force of some kind, the crisis of 1969 would have descended pretty quickly into Armageddon for both Catholics and Protestants.

Matters have changed on broader fronts since 1969. In that summer, after all, a Dublin government made noises about setting up field-hospitals and moving Irish Army personnel to the border, while irredentist rhetoric was bandied on both sides in the Dail. August 1994 also marks the quarter-century of what was — oddly — referred to as the "Downing Street Declaration", put together by Harold Wilson and James Callaghan when designating the army's General Officer Commanding the security supremo for Northern Ireland. This manifesto deliberately snubbed the Republic by stressing that "responsibility for affairs in Northern Ireland is entirely a matter for domestic jurisdiction". But such assertions have since been explicitly reversed by the Anglo-Irish Accord of 1985 and, last year, by the (second) Downing Street Declaration, which vitally aligned Dublin and London in a united front on key questions of Northern Ireland policy.

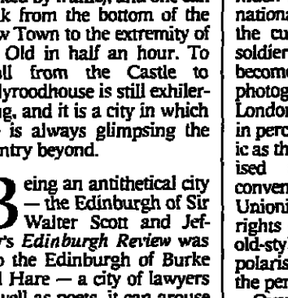
The cry of "Troops Out", popular in north London and south Boston, is today notably absent in statements from the Republic as well as from Britain; even Sinn Fein is more covertly realistic about what might be inferred. The army presence over 25 years has certainly contributed new dimensions to the problem as well as restrained some of its traditional aspects. But loyalist as well as republican paramilitaries now possess armaments of a sophistication undreamt of in 1969. And faced with a real prospect of withdrawal, many nationalists must devoutly hope to be spared that traditional curse of answered prayers.

GILLES CARON



Occupying army, or young men keeping alien peoples apart?

Missing notes



REPORTS of an improvement in the economy will fall on deaf ears at the Barbican Centre in London, I fear. The recession has forced it to cancel a flagship series of classical concerts featuring leading orchestras from all over the world.

The series, entitled "Great Orchestras of the World", was to have started in November, but yesterday Kenneth Richardson, arts director of the Barbican, blamed the economic climate for throwing it into jeopardy. "We have suspended the great orchestra series for the next season," he said. "In the current economic climate, we do not have the funding. The great orchestra series is one of the most expensive that we have. We are planning to reintroduce it in 1995." The shortfall is said to be around £250,000.

Richardson's explanation has done little to appease the joint promoter of the series, IMG, the artists' management organisation run by Mark McCormack, the musical impressario. I understand that the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre de Paris and Concertgebouw of Amsterdam already have contracts to perform.

"We are seeing what we can do about it," says one IMG source, who hinted at the possibility of legal action. "The fact is that at two months' notice, it's basically impossible for us on a practical basis to pull out of something like this." Richardson was surprised. "We have no contract with IMG for the series. But we have been in discussions."

● *Spurning the annual race yesterday to serve up the victims of the Glorious Twelfth was Jean-Christophe Novelli, chef at the Four Seasons hotel in London. French pride won the day, rather than British tradition. The birds must be hanged for at least a week, he insists. "I refuse to spend a fortune on something which is tough and not eatable. I came to Britain with a great respect for your traditions. But, in this case, I am willing to take the risk of offending."*

Naked fear

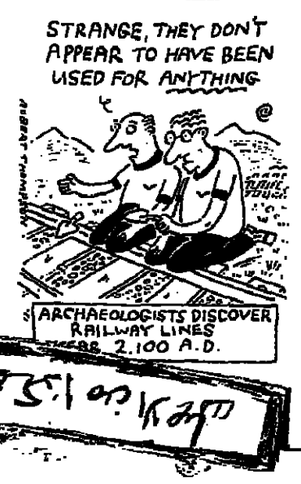
AMID the many tales of derring-do circulating with the *canapés* this week at the Special Forces Club for the launch of *Re-enter the SAS*, a history of the service, I was struck by Mike Calvert's encounter with the enemy in Burma in 1942.

Brigadier "Mad" Mike is now 81, but he stiffened with pride as he recalled the moment when he unexpectedly encountered a Japanese soldier while taking his customary dip in a refreshing Burmese river. "I noticed he was swimming not far from me," said Calvert. "The trouble was that I was naked but for my boots. Official advice to soldiers was that we should keep them on while swimming, you see." Needless to say, Calvert thought not for a moment of his state of undress. "I took him on, we slithered about, and I managed to dispatch him." After which he returned calmly to bathe.

● *I hear that Clare Short, that stickler for political correctness, is indulging on what can only be termed a busperson's holiday. The trenchant Labour MP marches off to Ankara tomorrow to attend the Socialist International Women's conference on fundamentalism.*

Not Don

THE LAST time I talked of light-fingered felons poking around picnics at Glyndebourne, pheasants were blamed. This time, a human vulture is under suspicion, for



drinks have disappeared rather than grub. One member of the audience, who describes himself only as an official with water industry's regulator Ofwat, returned thirstily to his picnic recently at the end of Act I of *Don Giovanni* to find his coolbox of fine wine and fizzy water had walked off.

A search of the tent and grounds proved fruitless. "We are deeply shocked and concerned about this," stutters a Glyndebourne aide. "It has never happened before."

Untypical

AS IF hideouts and secret journeys were not enough to contend with, Taslima Nasreen, the Bangladeshi author who fled to Sweden to escape death threats from fundamentalist Muslims, has yet another problem on her hands. The writer has forgotten her typewriter.

Her need is pressing. She feels she should embark on her next novel, but where in Sweden to find a typewriter which uses Bengali characters? I am delighted to report that an appeal has been launched through the Swedish newspaper *Expressen*, whose cultural editor, one Gabi Gleichman, is organising Nasreen's stay in Sweden. "We're looking on her behalf," says one of her many Swedish chums. "But Sweden does not have the largest Bangladeshi community."



Sisterhood

MANY and varied have been the suggested proclivities of the Bloomsbury set, but a new biography of Virginia Woolf appears to break new ground. Professor James King's enormous work, which its publishers claim to be the first "full scale" biography for more than 20 years, claims the novelist (*right*) may have had a lesbian relationship with her sister, the painter Vanessa Bell (*left*).



It has of course been long established that Woolf engaged in lesbianism, but I understand this incestuous twist has not previously been aired. King cites letters and conversations between the two sisters as evidence. "Both girls, exceedingly lonely since the death of their mother, eroticised their loss by seeking physical comfort from each other," he writes.

Bloomsbury specialist and biographer Michael Holroyd is astonished: "Of all the permutations and contortions I've heard, this really seems to be the joker in the pack."

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THE GUNS OF AUGUST

Clinton now looks ineffective at home as well as abroad

Were Bill Clinton as silver-tongued a persuader as Ronald Reagan, there might be political advantage to be snatched from this week's dramatic defeat of his Administration's $33 billion crime Bill in the House of Representatives. As the economy picks up, and fewer Americans fear losing health insurance along with their jobs, crime has displaced healthcare reform as the issue that most worries Americans. Could there be a better issue than "the personal security of the American people" for an embattled President to take straight to the hustings?

That appears to be the initial reaction inside the White House, to judge by President Clinton's hastily arranged trip to Minneapolis yesterday to rally a meeting of the National Police Association. But outside the White House, what is glaringly obvious is that President Reagan would never have so miscalculated a crucial vote as to have 58 members of his own party line up against it.

The revolt of so many Democrats makes it impossible for Mr Clinton to put a partisan gloss on this defeat. Nor can he lay the entire blame on the National Rifle Association. It was not only the right-wing Southern Democrats that he failed to hold on this issue, but the Black Caucus, ten of whose members defected in protest over the exclusion of a clause allowing blacks on deathrow to make "bias in sentencing" grounds for appeal. He was already under attack, by Democrats as well as Republicans, for letting the Black Caucus dictate policy on Haiti. This vote leaves him looking foolish, at the mercy of factions within his party just when he most needs to show himself firmly at its helm.

With only three months to go before the mid-term congressional elections, Mr Clinton is badly in need of a clear domestic success to set against his unhappy stewardship of America's foreign policy. The Whitewater saga drags on, and the latest polls reveal that most Americans feel — unfairly, given last year's crack at the budget deficit and the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement — that he has accomplished nothing of importance. Despite the enormous asset of a Democrat-controlled House and Senate, laws ranging from safe drinking water to bankruptcy are languishing in Congress. welfare reform has been postponed and the flagship healthcare legislation is encountering seas so rough that after 20 months of sound and fury, it has yet to reach the floor of the House.

For all the power of the American gun lobby, the crime Bill was a relatively easy target for the Administration, which hoped with its passage to create a political momentum strong enough to carry healthcare through Congress before the elections. Only two weeks ago, a confident Mr Clinton was hailing it as "the toughest, largest, smartest federal attack on crime" in American history. It would, he boasted, put 100,000 extra police on the streets — a campaign pledge — add 60 crimes to the list of federal offences incurring the death penalty, devote nearly $9 billion to tackling the causes of crime and outlaw 19 assault weapons — the kind street-gangs favour.

The Bill has its critics. Republicans have ridiculed such measures as federal funding for midnight baseball matches in deprived districts, supposedly to keep gangs off the street, and decried much of the crime prevention programme as either soft on crime, or pure pork-barrel. State legislatures complain that the federal money will be phased out over five years, leaving them to pick up the bill for the extra police and prisons, and that expanding the list of federal crimes erodes states' rights — always a sensitive issue in America. But the Bill is as broadly popular as it is evidently populist. Mr Clinton may yet salvage it in some form.

Salvaging his own image as a President who can "change America" will be harder. Republican hopes of winning the seven extra seats they need to take control of the Senate this November — and even of depriving the Democrats of "working control" of the House — have been given a boost. If they succeed, Mr Clinton would risk becoming the President who can change precious little. He enters the campaigning season wounded by the guns of August — the more so because some were aimed at him from his own side.

AGE CONCERN

Care of the elderly should not be a lottery

Any suggestion of cutbacks in care for the elderly causes understandable alarm. Few people can accept the prospect of an old age — for themselves or their relatives — spent in anxiety. The latest draft guidelines from the Department of Health on care of the old and long-term sick, effectively redefine the obligations of the Government to provide life-long care of the infirm.

Ever since some of the care of the elderly was hived off to private nursing homes, there has been confusion over where the responsibility of the health service ended. The NHS was once understood to offer a comprehensive policy of birth-to-death care for all United Kingdom citizens. Hospitals found themselves providing indefinite accommodation for those who were in decline from natural causes because the remit of the health service was interpreted as including all aspects of physical wellbeing.

As the population aged, larger proportions of the health budget were taken up by the labour-intensive nursing required in geriatric wards. Many of these patients were helpless and in need of daily care but did not require the specialist medical help that hospitals could provide. Therefore, it was a sensible policy to shift some of the responsibility for this care to nursing homes. It also seems reasonable that some of the cost of this care should be met by families who can afford it.

Although existing department guidelines state that no patient should be transferred from hospital to a nursing home "against his will", this advice is known to have been ignored. The new policy follows a case where the health service ombudsman refused to allow a health authority to move a stroke patient from a hospital ward to a private nursing home against his family's wishes.

The break with a guarantee of free lifetime care is a radical one. Any move away from blanket coverage for everyone, regardless of their means or condition, must be applied with absolute fairness and humanity. The proposed guidelines state only that health authorities must provide long-term care "within available resources" and that "every effort" should be made to meet patients' preferences within "the practical options and resources available". This wording acknowledges that there can be considerable variation between the resources available in different health authority districts. Such regional discrepancies, in which the fate of a patient would depend on where he lived, cannot be acceptable.

More is needed than a vague recommendation that social services departments should offer "support" in cases where hospitalisation is deemed inappropriate. Ways should be explored to give substantial help to those caring for the elderly at home. There is clearly a need to define more consistently the complementary functions of the Health Department, local authority social services and the private sector. What should be accepted is that given ever greater demands on the health service, the government could not go on providing unlimited hospital care for every elderly person — even when their problems were not susceptible to medical treatment. Change is needed, but new policies must be seen to be equitable rather than just expedient.

NATIONALISM IN SPIKES

Athletes run on a complex fuel of pride and passion

Helsinki, which has played host to this year's European athletics championships, is not just the capital city of introspective Finland. It is also the javelin capital of the world. And although Seppo Raty — the country's beloved spear-throwing son — failed to out-hurl his rivals, he retains his stature as hero of a modern-day *Kalevala*, the national epic of the Finns.

The Ancient Greeks, as in most things, were right in this regard: few are better able to embody a sense of national identity than athletes. This is true particularly of those nations which are but young: and there are more of them at Helsinki this year than ever before. The map of Europe, never one for complacent cartographers, has since the fall of the Berlin Wall acquired a remarkable inconstancy. And the most acute sense of competition has been between Russian competitors and those from countries formerly part of the Soviet design.

Imagine the feelings of Natalya Dukhnova of Belorussia as she vied for glory with Russia's Lyubov Gurina, with whom she would have eaten, trained and exchanged tips only recently; or the impact in Moscow, Kiev and Sebastopol of pictures of Valeri Borzov, the great Soviet sprinter of the 1970s, presenting — as a Ukrainian — a medal to Linford Christie. Yet it is appropriate that the theatre for these complex sentiments should be the stadium in Helsinki, where in 1952 the Soviet Union made its first Olympic appearance since the Bolshevik Revolution.

It finished second in the medals table then, and Stalin was not slow to recognise the significance of this achievement. Sport was put swiftly to work, in the sublimation of an ideology that sought to employ sportsmen as its acceptable face. The Soviet satellites, too, embraced the method, giving the world battalions of invincible gymnasts, weightlifters, shot-putters and sprint queens. East Germany, it might almost be said, was put on the map mainly by its athletes.

Of course, the expression of nationalism in sport is not always the product of a suffocating ideology. Finland, once again, serves as a paradigm: when the revered Hannes Kohlemainen triumphed in the 5,000 and 10,000-metre events at the Stockholm Olympics in 1912, he ran for a people who were ruled by Russia, and in the capital of a country which had lorded it over Finland for centuries. And Paavo Nurmi, that Colossus among middle-distance runners, helped to consolidate the pride of newly-independent Finland by his conquest of the track. The championships in Helsinki have been an occasion, once more, for that bracing nationalism in spikes. Athletes — in vests bearing the names of brand new countries — have come and tussled with the rest. We may not have known them before; we shall not forget them now.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Consumers and cost of electricity

From the Director of the Gas Consumers Council

Sir, In the chorus of customer disapproval about Professor Littlechild's electricity price review (reports and Pennington, August 12) the electricity consumers' committees, established by Parliament to represent users' interests, are discordantly out of tune with the harmonised voice of protest from the National Consumer Council and the Consumers' Association.

The committees' 14 chairmen cautiously welcomed yesterday's announcement as "good news for the consumer", conceding that the regulator has to strike a balance between shareholder and consumer interests. Meanwhile, the stockmarket marked up the suppliers' share values by between 5 and 10 per cent, proving that the industry has won and the consumer has lost.

The committees' curious response is at odds with public perception of the role of independent consumer representation. The regulator must, of course, be impartial but a consumer group should be partisan and argue the customer case as strongly as the regulated industry will argue its own.

The committee chairmen perhaps find independence difficult: it is, after all, the regulator who appoints them to their jobs.

Yours faithfully,
IAN POWE,
Director,
Gas Consumers Council,
6th Floor, Abford House,
15 Wilton Road, SW1.
August 12.

Hunting the quarks

From Mr F. G. Clark

Sir, Mr Eric Duckworth (letter, August 4) wishes that Bernard Levin "could be persuaded to write of the value, excitement and challenge of engineering ..." But he has already done so.

In his review (*The Sunday Times*, Books, May 17, 1987) of Primo Levi's novel, *The Wrench*, which is a panegyric to engineering, Mr Levin wrote: "This is not a book for journalists ... For it is about man in his capacity as *homo faber*, a maker of things with his hands, and what has any of us ever made but words?"

As someone who was involved with the Concorde project I am happy to acknowledge an equal debt to wordsmiths and blacksmiths, and sign myself,

Yours faithfully,
F. G. CLARK,
18 Rayens Cross Road,
Long Ashton, Bristol.

Assisted places

From the Secretary of the Headmasters' Conference

Sir, Whatever sympathy there may be with Neil Hart, the headmaster of Watford Grammar School (letter, August 4), over the inadequacy of resources to educate pupils at his school, he does not improve that case by misrepresenting the situation of schools in the assisted places scheme.

Together they educate around 30,000 pupils for less than £100 million. Almost all schools subsidise the scheme because public funding is less than the real cost of places. All but the poorest parents make a contribution. As a result the unit cost of assisted places in most schools is nearer £3,000 than the £12,000 mentioned by Mr Hart.

The Government would do well to expand the scheme. Those pupils who want a good all-round education which stresses academic excellence but cannot afford to pay fees find their range of choice widened. Next week's publication of examination results will show once again the excellent value of the scheme.

Yours faithfully,
V. S. ANTHONY,
Secretary,
Headmasters' Conference,
130 Regent Road, Leicester.
August 11.

Weekend Money letters, page 27

Who should profit from Philby sale?

From Lord Bethell

Sir, When the MI6 officer Kim Philby gave the KGB details of secret British operations against the Albanian communist government in September 1949, he was acting in breach of the Official Secrets Act and English law. As a result of this crime, several of the Albanian guerrilla fighters sponsored by British intelligence were killed or captured.

Many of the objects from Philby's estate that were auctioned by Sotheby's on July 19 — carpets, ornaments, illuminated addresses and other items (report, July 20) were given to him by various Soviet bodies in gratitude for his services to the KGB, in other words in gratitude for his acts which not only caused many deaths but were also crimes under English law.

Sotheby's decision to give their commission on the sale to various service charities must be welcomed as a step in the right direction. However, it cannot be right or, surely, lawful for the substantial sum of money raised by the sale, more than £150,000, to be passed on to Philby's family. If it goes to anyone now, it should be to the victims of his crimes.

I therefore trust that Sotheby's will not hand over the main sum to Mrs Philby until the question of possible claims on the estate is resolved.

I have, for instance, been in contact with Mr Muhamet Hoxha, now in an old people's home in Gjirokaster. He was brutally tortured and then spent up to 35 years in Albanian prisons and camps, under appalling conditions, as a result of the information that Philby illegally gave to the KGB. Many other Albanians involved were executed and their families are now destitute. Others escaped and are still alive in poverty in many countries, including Britain.

The Association for the Politically Persecuted, a Tirana-based organisation chaired by Mr Kurt Kola, who himself spent many years in Albanian communist jails, tries to look after the surviving victims of the communist regime and their families.

Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS BETHELL,
73 Sussex Square, W2.

Identity cards and civil liberties

From Councillor Grahame Leon-Smith

Sir, At long last this Government is moving towards national identity cards (report, August 9; letters, August 10) with its announcement of updating driving licences to a sensible credit card format with a photograph. But please don't do the job by half. Add my National Insurance number and my thumb print so that I can make a personal contribution to the fight against crime (including benefit fraud) and terrorism.

There is no need to make it compulsory to have your card with you, but if you are found in suspicious circumstances without a means of identification then the police should have the right to detain you until you can be properly identified.

If the civil liberties groups want to do something useful, why don't they complain about our lack of freedom to move around Europe without being forced to purchase and carry with us ridiculously expensive and ludicrously bulky passports?

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAME LEON-SMITH,
The Niven Suite, The Mansion,
Ottershaw Park, Surrey.
August 10.

From Mr James Boyes

Sir, The editor of the *Solicitors Journal* (letter, August 10) points out that the war-time identity card scheme was discontinued in 1951, following a ruling in the High Court, and claims that we should learn a lesson from this.

In those far-off days, however, violent crime, drug-dealing, fraud of all sorts, abuse of the benefits system, illegal immigration — all these were minimal compared with our situation today.

Nearly all European nations adopted identity cards years ago, and find them valuable for the public good. Why does the civil liberties lobby go on insisting that the UK must be different?

Yours faithfully,
JAMES BOYES,
12 Linver Road, Parsons Green, SW6.

From Mrs G. S. Dawes

Sir, For some twenty years, first as a blind, later as an old person, I have carried a licence which bears my photograph to enable me to travel at a concessionary rate on Oxford buses.

Is it not strange that there should be such protest at the plan for drivers to carry a photograph, though no one seems to consider it incorrect for disabled and elderly people to produce a photograph in order to obtain transport concessions?

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET DAWES,
8 Belbroughton Road, Oxford.

From Mr Michael Plumbe

Sir, In parts of the world, one may be arrested for failing to produce papers on demand.

In the UK, we have a benign police force, at present. It is unthinkable to most people that a policeman might arrest us merely because we had forgotten to carry our documents. Let's keep it that way and abandon all ideas of identity cards.

Yours etc,
MICHAEL PLUMBE
(Executive Committee Chairman),
Society for Individual Freedom,
104 Drive Mansions, SW6.
August 10.

Homes for top brass

From Mrs Carenza Hayhoe

Sir, I would like to remind Commander Messinger (letter, August 9) of the nature of the Chequers bequest. Lord Lee of Fareham gave Chequers, his beloved home with all its historic treasures, to the nation in 1917, so that future prime ministers of this country should be able to enjoy and benefit from its peaceful setting, and have a suitable house in which to entertain visiting heads of state. The bequest includes an endowment so that there is no question of an "unwarranted burden on the hard-pressed British taxpayer".

It would be indeed a sordid and insulting return, for what was an outstanding act of patriotism and generosity on the part of my father's first cousin, if Chequers were to be used for any other purpose than he had intended.

I remain, Sir, yours sincerely,
CARENZA HAYHOE,
Cambridge Cottage,
8 Village Road, Alverstoke,
Gosport, Hampshire.
August 9.

The Pope's role

From Professor Mary McAleese

Sir, I was delighted to read the response (August 10) to Karen Armstrong's article on the Catholic Church from Nicholas Coote, Assistant General Secretary of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. He admonished her remark that "Jesus never mentioned birth control" saying that it "smacks of the sort of biblical fundamentalism which the Church expressly rejects in favour of an understanding of the faith which develops over time". Hear, hear, Mr Coote.

Can I suggest that perhaps Mr Coote should now write to the Pope in similar terms about the Pope's assertion that women cannot become priests because Christ chose only men. Some of us see in that precisely the same sort of biblical fundamentalism so formidably and quickly spotted by Mr Coote.

Yours sincerely,
MARY P. McALEESE,
Kairos, 17 Bridge Street,
Rostrevor, Co Down.
August 10.

Police complaints

From Sir Leonard Peach, Chairman of the Police Complaints Authority

Sir, Roland Moyle, former deputy chairman of the Police Complaints Authority, questions (letter, August 2) the effect on public interest immunity of the judgment in *Regina v Chief Constable of the West Midlands Ex parte Wiley*.

The original judgment (*Neilson v Laugharne*) which granted class immunity to evidence arising from the investigation of police complaints was in itself flawed and the PCA supported the submissions made by the parties in *Ex parte Wiley* and *Ex parte Sunderland*.

In Neilson it was held that members of the public would be deterred from assisting in the investigation of allegedly corrupt police officers if their statements were not granted immunity from disclosure in other areas of the law.

There was no evidence to support this view; on the contrary judgments which developed from Neilson such as *Ex parte Hart Leverton* had a greater deterrent effect giving as they did police access to documents but no access to plaintiffs.

During Mr Moyle's period as deputy chairman, the PCA said of the law on public interest immunity, as it then stood: "The present law is unsatisfactory and brings the complaints procedures into disrepute" (*Triennial Review*, 1988-91).

What has been removed in the recent House of Lords judgment is *class* immunity; immunity arising from content or confidentiality may still be claimed but such claims will need to be asserted on an individual basis.

The PCA sought during the drafting and passage of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act to reduce the continuing constraints on openness resulting from section 98 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 — sadly without success.

The PCA is committed to the view that the honest complainant has nothing to fear from the present procedures and such security is strengthened by openness.

Yours faithfully,
LEN PEACH, Chairman,
Police Complaints Authority,
10 Great George Street, SW1.

From Mr Michael Wilmot

Sir, Mr Roland Moyle writes that many complainants against the police "are loath to make statements to the investigating officers in case such statements are later used against them", and he is concerned that such statements may "end up in the hands of the CID or its legal department" to the complainant's detriment.

If a complainant is not blameworthy and has made a truthful statement it is difficult to see how it can be used against him. If on the other hand the complainant is blameworthy and has made an untrue statement, what is the injustice in having its contents disclosed in subsequent proceedings?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WILMOT,
Pennyfold,
Back Lane,
Cross-in-Hand, East Sussex.
August 2.

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Fairest choice for The Three Graces

From the Director of the National Galleries of Scotland

Sir, Your third leader about Canova's *The Three Graces* (August 11) in which you support the Getty Foundation in its desire to import this ravishing sculpture from our shores, is not welcomed by us. It was carved for Britain, by the greatest sculptor of the neoclassical era, and we all should try to retain it.

Such a refined, highly-polished marble sculpture, designed to be seen from a host of different viewpoints, defies reproduction and must be enjoyed in all its subtleties in the original. The National Heritage Secretary, Mr Stephen Dorrell, by making his decision to delay the sculpture's export licence for three months (report, August 10), is certainly to be congratulated. Mr Luc Hafner, the Swiss lawyer operating for the owners, a Cayman Islands company, is lucky that his clients' sculpture was not situated in Italy, where such an object would certainly be subject to an absolute export ban.

There are plenty of precedents for extensions to export delays such as this one, and the success rate has been good. I was given an extension to raise money for the Duccio *Crucifixion* appeal in 1984 (again, threatened with export to Malibu) and was successful. In 1992-93 short extensions for the Gillow Library table designed by Chippendale and the English gold- and sapphire-mounted 13th-century clasp met with success.

My opinion, which I share with my friends at the Victoria and Albert Museum, and a host of distinguished scholars and connoisseurs, is that this Canova sculpture is one of the supreme masterpieces of its period.

It having been here so long, we have now assimilated it as a memorable image and familiar friend, and now is the time for the generous-hearted to put their hands in their pockets and give to this new appeal, jointly launched by the V & A and the National Gallery of Scotland. The £1.8 million outstanding must — and will — be found by November 5.

Yours sincerely,
TIMOTHY CLIFFORD, Director,
National Galleries of Scotland,
The Mound, Edinburgh 2.
August 11.

From Sir Hugh Leggatt

Sir, It is very sad that the long-running saga over the proposed sale of *The Three Graces* to the Getty Museum has degenerated into such an unseemly mess.

The law is clear over the control of exports of works of art. The Government has complete discretion as to whether or not to grant an export licence. This ruling derives from a wartime regulation which has never been rescinded.

However, the Secretary of State, although recently appointed, should not have taken advantage of this power without making it crystal clear that he was in fact doing so.

The truth is that the Government has behaved quite abominably to the Getty Museum in keeping this great institution in suspense for some five years. All ministers should hang their heads in shame and as for Mr Dorrell, he should stand in the corner in 10 Downing Street at the next Cabinet meeting.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH LEGGATT,
21 Rue du Lac,
CH-1800 Vevey, Switzerland.
August 10.

From Mr Paul Montague-Smith

Sir, In announcing his decision to defer yet again the granting of an export licence for Canova's *The Three Graces*, the National Heritage Secretary claims to have been particularly impressed by the efforts of the Victoria & Albert Museum and others to pledge money in order to keep the statue in this country.

Perhaps he would care to explain why exactly he is so impressed. Of the £5.8 million claimed to have been "raised" by the V & A, at least £5.2 million is taxpayers' money paid as grants to the National Heritage Memorial Fund, the National Galleries of Scotland and the V & A itself. Does he regard the use of £5.2 million in this way as an example of good value for taxpayers' money? If so, how does he square his view with the Government's decision, in 1983, to refuse to purchase *The Three Graces* for the sum of only £1.2 million?

It would appear that our new National Heritage Secretary has already abandoned the principles of prudence and value for money that he was so avidly preaching as a Treasury minister less than a month ago in favour of mistaken expediency.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL MONTAGUE-SMITH,
54 Witherington Road, N5.

From Mr Marc Gander

Sir, I noticed that the report of Barclays Bank's record profits of £1.04 billion was placed next to the report on *The Three Graces* on today's front page of *The Times*. Was this perhaps a subtle hint to the bank that they might be able to contribute the remaining £1.8 million shortfall to the *Three Graces* fund without noticing it too much?

Yours faithfully,
MARC GANDER,
97a South Hill Park, NW3.
August 10.

SOCIAL NEWS

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Miss Sheila Armstrong, soprano, 52; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beavis, 65; Sir John Bunting, civil servant, 76; Marquess Camden, 64; Dr Fidel Castro, President of Cuba, 67; Father Leo Chamberlain, OSB, headmaster, Ampleforth College, 54; Mr Domenico Dolce, fashion designer, 36; Mr Roy Evans, trade unionist, 63; Miss Marie Helvin, model, 42; Mr Ben Hogan, golfer, 82; Mr Tony Jarrett, athlete, 26; Sir Thomas Legg, QC, permanent secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department, 59; Mr C.A. Lyons, trades unionist, 65; Sir John Milne, former chairman, Blue Circle Industries, 70; Lord Oram, 81; Mr Mark Pyper, headmaster, Gordonstoun School, 47; Lord Sainsbury, 92; Dr Frederick Sanger, OM, CH, biochemist, 76; Mr Alan Shearer, footballer, 24; Mr George Shearing, pianist, 74; Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, 76; Mr Timothy Wood, MP, 54.

TOMORROW: Miss Sarah Brightman, singer, 33; Mr Ronnie Campbell, MP, 51; Mrs Jennifer d'Abo, chairman, Moyses Stevens Group, 49; Mr Fred Davis, snooker player, 81; Mr Buddy Greco, singer, 68; Dr Keith Hampson, MP, 51; Mr D.H.L. Hopkinson, former chairman, Harrisons and Crosfield, 68; Mr R.D. Jackman, cricketer, 49; Dom Philip Jebb, former head master, Downside School, 62; Professor Sir Andrew Kay, surgeon, 78; Mr Justice McKinnon, 56; Sir Robin McLaren, diplomat, 60; Mr Steve Martin, actor and comedian, 49; Lord Mishcon, 79; Dr Oliver Neville, former principal, Rada, 65; Mr Frederic Raphael, author, 63; Mr Michael Stevenson, Secretary, BBC, 34; Sir Ronald Stewart, former chairman, London Brick Company, 91; the Right Rev Hewlett Thompson, Bishop of Exeter, 65; Lord Whaddon, 67; Mr Sydney Wooderson, former athlete, 80.

Service dinner

Lincolnshire ACF

The Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, the City Sheriff of Lincoln, Councillor Stan Robertson and Brigadier P.I.B. Stevenson were received by Colonel A.A.F. Terry, Commandant of the Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force, at the annual dinner held last night at Cwrt-y-gollen, Crickhowell, Powys. Major G.R. Scotney presided.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: James Gillray, caricaturist, London, 1756; Queen Adelaide, Consort of King William IV, Meiningen, 1792; Sir George Grove, engineer and music dictionary editor, London, 1820; Annie Oakley, rifle markswoman, Ohio, 1860; John Nicholson Ireland, composer, Bowdon, Cheshire, 1879; John Logie Baird, pioneer of television, Helensburgh, Strathclyde, 1888; C.R.W. Nevinson, painter, Hampstead, 1889; Sir Alfred Hitchcock, film director-producer, Leytonstone, London, 1899; Sir Basil Spence, architect, Bombay, India, 1907; Archbishop Makarios III, Primate of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus and President of the Republic of Cyprus, Paphos, 1913.

DEATHS: Eugène Delacroix, painter, Paris, 1863; Sir John Millais, Bt, President of the Royal Academy 1896, London, 1896; Florence Nightingale, hospital reformer, London, 1910; Jules Massenet, composer, Paris, 1912; H.G. Wells, writer, London, 1946.

Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen* was first performed in its entirety, Bayreuth, 1876.

The last executions in Britain took place when two men were hanged for murder at Walton Prison, Liverpool, and Strangeways, Manchester, 1964.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Paolo Sarpi, philosopher, Venice, 1552; Baron Richard von Krafft-Ebing, neuro-psychiatrist, Mannheim, Germany, 1840; John Galsworthy, novelist and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1932, Kingston Hill, Surrey, 1867.

DEATHS: Augustus Toplady, clergyman and hymn writer, London, 1778; Johann Herbart, philosopher, Göttingen, 1841; William Buckland, geologist, London, 1856; Alfred Harmsworth, 1st Viscount Northcliffe, proprietor of *The Times* 1908-22, London, 1922; Cyril "Sapper" McNeile, novelist and creator of Bulldog Drummond, Pulborough, Sussex, 1937; William Randolph Hearst, newspaper proprietor, Beverly Hills, California, 1951; Bertolt Brecht, dramatist, Berlin, 1956; Karl Böhm, conductor, Salzburg, 1981; J.B. Priestley, novelist and dramatist, Stratford-on-Avon, 1984; Enzo Ferrari, racing car manufacturer, Maranello, Modena, 1988.

The Battle of Britain was at its height, 1940.

The first British troops entered Northern Ireland, 1969.

PETER TRIEVNOR



John Branham examines some of his produce, whose spectacular size has failed to impress show judges

Giant vegetables reap small rewards

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

IN HIS saner moments, John Branham runs an engineering business that makes aircraft seats. His real passion, however, is growing carrots, parsnips, leeks and other vegetables of abnormal size.

For nine years he has been trying in vain to win the Ayr trophy, the prize for the best collection of vegetables at the annual championship of the National Vegetable Society, held yesterday at the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley, Surrey.

Alas, he was out of luck again. The prize went to Peter Clark from Yarm in Cleveland. "I knew as soon as I saw some of the other collections that I did not stand a chance," Mr Branham said. Like other growers, he was up most of Thursday night setting out his exhibit, which included leeks, parsnips, onions, carrots, tomatoes and potatoes. He was most proud of his 4ft carrots and 5ft parsnips.

Mr Branham rears his carrots in 3ft 6in tubs filled with sand and peat in his garden at Wingrave, Buckinghamshire. The bottom of the tubs are removed so the taproots can grow into the soil below. He drills a narrow hole to ensure straightness of growth.

"The judges mark vegetables for colour, perfection of shape and freedom from blemish rather than for size," he said. "But most growers firmly believe that, other things being equal, a good big'un will always beat a good little'un."

This year's championships have been marked by a row over the decision of officials of the National Vegetable Society not to allow BBC Television's *Gardeners' World* to film members setting up and the judging.

While members were keen to show their carefully nurtured produce to the viewing public, officials claim the cameras have disrupted proceedings in the past.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.M. Barry and Miss J.A. Gugan

The engagement is announced between Theo, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Barry, of London, and Jane, third daughter of Dr and Mrs Keith Gugan, of Hampton, Middlesex.

Mr S.H. Blanch and Miss J.M. Gale

The engagement is announced between Stuart, elder son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Blanch, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Juliet, only daughter of the late Mr Grahame Gale and of Mrs Margaret Gale, of Caversham, Berkshire.

Mr P.V. Bowles and Miss S.C. Pyne

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs James Bowles, of Carmyle, Glasgow, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs William H.M. Pyne, of Worthing, West Sussex.

Mr S. Galbraith-Helps and Miss L. Stevens

The engagement is announced between Sebastian, son of the late Donald I. Helps and of Mrs Susan Atherton-Galbraith and stepson of Peter Atherton-Galbraith, of Stapleton Cross, Somerset, and Lizbeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.E. Stevens, of Penn, Buckinghamshire.

Mr G.D.A. Gourlay and Miss N.L. Howard

The engagement is announced between Giles, eldest son of Sir Simon Gourlay, of Knighton, Powys, and Mrs Sally Vaughan, of Llangunllo, Powys, and Narasha, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Howard, of Heyope, Knighton, Powys.

Mr P.M. Hyde and Miss F.C. Jones

The engagement is announced between Peter Hyde, of Islington, London, and Frances Jones, of Grantchester Meadows, Cambridge.

Commander A.N. Law, OBE, RN, and Dr B. Wasmund

The engagement is announced between Commander Alistair Neil Law, OBE, RN, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Dr Birgit Wasmund, of Unterammergau, Germany, daughter of Dr and Frau K.H. Leucht, of Crimmitschau, Germany.

Mr T.C. McGuire and Miss M.T.F. Bell

The engagement is announced between Thomas Cochrane, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.C. McGuire, of Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, and Mary Thérèse Fancourt, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Bell, of Upper Beeding, Sussex.

Mr C.E. Philipsborn and Miss S.L.E. Lythe

The engagement is announced between Christopher Edwin, son of Mr and Mrs John David Philipsborn, of Knightsbridge, London, and Sarah Laura Elizabeth, daughter of Mr Graham John Lythe, of Eastcote, Middlesex, and of Mrs Kathleen Lythe, of Leazes, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr R.W.T. Steiner and Miss C.G. Rónay

The engagement is announced between Robert William Thomas (Rob), only son of Mr Francis Steiner, of Deddington, Oxon, and the late Mrs Rosemary Steiner, and Clare Gabrielle (Klári), eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gábor Rónay, of Highgate.

Mr C.E.W. Pratt and Miss F.M. McDougall

The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Pratt, of Lilling, York, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert McDougall, of Highfield, Southampton.

Mr A.H. St Pier and Miss J.L. Whytock

The engagement is announced between Alexander (Hugh), youngest son of Mr and Mrs Colin St Pier, of Westcott, Surrey, and Jemma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Whytock, of Oppede, Vaucluse, France.

Mr M.H.M. Webber and Miss H.J. Clement

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Howard Webber, of Sneyd Park, Bristol, and Helen, daughter of Dr and Mrs Alan Clement, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

Mr S.J. Willey and Miss C.E. Tunbridge

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of the late Mr Maurice Willey and of Mrs Maurice Willey, of London, SW12, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dick Tunbridge, of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Captain R.H. Williams-Bulkeley and Miss J.A. Edwards

The engagement is announced between Captain Richard Williams-Bulkeley, Welsh Guards, elder son of Sir Richard and Lady Williams-Bulkeley, of Anglesey, North Wales, and Jacqueline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Edwards, of Kenn, Devon.

Marriages

Mr A.G.S. Barstow and Mrs J.L. Ewart

The marriage took place quietly on Friday, August 12, 1994, between Mr Gerry Barstow and Mrs Jan Ewart.

A reception was held at The Old Rectory, Stoke Lyne, Oxfordshire.

Mr G.F. Boys-Stones and Miss E.D. Williams

The marriage took place on Monday, July 18, 1994, in Jamaica between Mr Francis Boys-Stones and Miss Dawn Williams.

Mr P.T.C. Lewin and Mrs A.M. Pond

The marriage took place on Wednesday, August 10, at St James's Church, Piccadilly, between Patrick Thomas Corrie Lewin, only son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs T.C.C. Lewin, and Ann Mary Pond, youngest daughter of the late Mr W.S. Dearman and of Mrs Madge Dearman. The Right Rev Hugh Montefiore officiated.

Commander H. Selby Bennett, RN, and Mrs M.P.E. Lowis

The marriage took place quietly on August 9, of Commander "Chipps" Selby Bennett, of Slepe Green, Slepe, Lytchett Minster, Dorset, to Mrs Mairi Lowis (née Macrae), previously of Burr House, Shalbourne, Wiltshire.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Andrzej Misiewicz was christened George Casimir Houssemayne by Father Francis Press, in St Edmund's College Chapel, on August 11. The godparents are: Princess Charlotte of Liechtenstein (Mrs Van Der Byl), Mrs David Leslie, Major Edward Barclay and Mr Jeremy Field.

Church services tomorrow

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC; 11 Euch, Rev Canon A Luff; 4 E.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 S Euch, Tu es Petrus (Duruflé), Missa Petre ego pro te rogavi (Alonso Lobo), Ave regina caelorum (Francisco Guerrero), Canon J Simpson; 3.30 SE, Responses (Treple), Bax in G, And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Canon P Johnson.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Ubi caritas (Duruflé), The Archdeacon; 3.15 E, Responses (Rose), Murrill in E, Antiphon (Vaughan Williams); 6.30 Compline, The Precentor.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Darke in F, O most merciful & O cull omnium (Wood), Canon D Weston; 3 E, Responses (Smith), Wood in D, Rejoice in the Lord (Redford), Toccata (Boellmann).

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C, Rev J Jones; 11.15 Euch, Vice Provost; 6 E, Vice Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Te Deum & Jubilate Deo in C (Britten), Rev S Foote; 11.30 Choral Euch, Vaughan Williams in D, In heavenly love abiding (Nicolas Humez), Beati quorum via (Stanford); 3.30 Choral E, Respones (Bernard Rose), Coll Reg (Howells), I will love thee O Lord (Leo Sowerby); 6.30 E, Canon M Rees.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Smith), Two Beatitudes (Warren), Canon K Hobbs; 11 S Euch, Little Organ Mass (Haydn), Ave verum (Mozart), The Precentor; 3.30 E, Responses (Leighton), Hymn to the Mother of God (Tavener).

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 HC; 10.30 Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Ascendit Deus (Phillips), Mrs M Sedgwick; 3 German Lutherans; 5.30 E, Sweet was the song (Bennett), Responses (Duerden), Second Service (Gibbons), Mary's Magnificat (Carter).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Canon R Coppin; 11.15 HC, Canon D Brown; 3.30 E.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Ave Maria (Parsons), Rev H Reid; 3.45 E, Preces (Rose), Gloucester Service & Thee will I love (Howells).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Mass in C (Coronation) (Mozart), O taste & see (Vaughan Williams), Canon Treasurer; 4 EP.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Hereford Service (Lloyd), Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Rev R Miller; 11.15 M, Ireland in F, The Lord hath been mindful (Wesley); 12.30 HC; 1.30 New life Christian Fellowship Service; 3.45 E, Harwood in A flat, And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Canon G Babington.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Trant), Gloria (Darke), Hosanna to the son of David (Hutchings), Jesu the very thought (Shephard), The Dean; 3.30 E, Responses (Smith), Aston in F, O sing joyfully (Batten).

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8, 9, 12.15 Euch, Rev J Redvers Harris; 11 S Euch; 3.30 Choral E; 6.30 E, The Dean.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Rev B Miller; 3.30 E, Coll Reg (Howells), Locus iste (Bruckner), Justorum animae (Stanford), The Dean.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 Euch, Messe Solennelle (Vierne), Ave Maria (Parsons); 11.30 M, Respones (Lloyd), Te Deum in B flat (Harris), Jubilate in C (Britten), Sing we merrily (Campbell), Canon D Durston; 3 E, Responses (Lloyd), Dyson in D, Blessed City heav'nly Salem (Bairstow).

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Stanford in B flat, Beati quorum via (Stanford), Turn back O man (Holst), Canon D Atkinson; 3 E, Wood in F (Coll Reg), Faire is the heaven (Harris).

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Noble in B minor, God which hast prepared (Mudd), Rev P de N Lucas; 11.30 M, Britten in C, Sing to the Lord a joyful song (Rose); 3 E, Wood in F, I was glad (Parry), Rev P Walker.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Smith), Jubilate (Walton), Te Deum (Sumsion), Bogorodise Dievo (Rachmaninov), Canon D Gray; 11.15 Euch, Mass in 4 parts (Byrd), O nata lux (Tallis), Ave verum (Byrd), Rev P Ferguson; 3 E, Stanford in A, O lord the maker of all thing (Joubert), Rev P Fludder; 6.30 ES, Canon A Harvey.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Byrd for 4 voices, Ubi Caritas (Duruflé), Rt Rev C Barker; 11.30 M, Britten in C; 12.30 Mixed heavy anti-aircraft battery service; 4 E, Dyson in D, Blessed City, Heavenly Salem (Bairstow), Canon L Stanbridge.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass of the quiet hour (Oldroyd), Locus iste (Bruckner), The Dean; 3.30 EP.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 (Family), 6 LM; 11.30 SM, Rev J Sheahan.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8, 10 MS & HC, Gloria in Excelsis Mass Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina), The Minister; 11.30 MS (Edinburgh Festival Service), The Minister; 8 ES, Rev F Douglas.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8, 11.30 HC, Schubert in C, Ave verum corpus (Mozart); 10.30 M, Stanford in B flat, Rev J Andrew; 3.15 E, Gray in F minor, If I should die (Gray), Rev M Saward.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung C; 11 S Euch, Bishop Luscumbe; 6.30 SE, Prof P Stoward.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Spaurmesse (Mozart), O clap your hands (Gibbons), Rev P Johnstone; 6 E&B, Stanford in B flat, Assumpta est Maira (Palestrina), Rev P McGeary.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 C; 11, Rev J Stott; 6.30 Rev S Wookey.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa assumpta est Maira (Palestrina), Assumpta est Maria (Gesualdo).

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30, Dr P Green.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, Missa assumpta est Maria (Palestrina), Ave Maria (Mendelssohn), 12.30, 4.30, 7 M; 3.30 V&B, Ave vera virginitas (Josquin).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev P Sutcliffe.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev J Thompson.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev J Evenson.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9, 6.30 HC; 11 M & HC.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Boyce in A, Stanford in A, I give you a new commandment (Sheppard), Guild Chaplin Canon B Christianson; 6.30 Choral E, Arnold in A, Rejoice in the lamb (Britten), Guild Chaplian J Burton.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 M, Te Deum & Jubilate Ireland in F, Declare his honour (Purcell), Rev B McAvoy.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, Rev N Moore; 6.30 Rev J McIndoe.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Missa de Beata Virgine (Palestrina), Ave Maria (Victoria), Ave maris stella IV (Dupré).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Short Service (Tallis), Haste Thee O God (Batten), The Rector.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch (Merbecke), Rev A Shaw.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 10 M, Responses (Ayleward), Stanford in A, How lovely are thy dwellings fair, Canon D Gray; 12.15 HC.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Though I speak with the tongues of men (Bairstow), O sacrum convivium (Croce); 11.30 Visitors, Responses (Lane), Te Deum, And I saw a new heaven (Bainton); 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev P Kao; 5 Choral E, Responses (Lane), Gloucester Service (Howells), Evening Hymn (Balfour Gardiner), Menuet-Scherzo (Jongen); 6.30 ES, Rev B Schunemann.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 LM; 11 HM, Missa Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina), Fr N Kavanagh; 6 SE, Outdoor Procession of Our Lady & SB; 7.30 LM.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Mass Setting (NEH), Rev S Webster; 6 EP.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass (Merbecke), The Rector.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Missa Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina), Haec Dies (Byrd), Fr Younger.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina), Gaudent in Coelis (Philips), Ave Maria (Parsons), Fr J Towers; 6 EP & B.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev S Hobbs.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, The God whom earth and sea and sky (Plainsong), Ave Maria (Schubert), Rev K Joyce, Call to Adventure (Bliss); 12 HC.

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COLSTON - On 10th August, to Dominic and Julia, an adorable son, Joshua Ross, a brother for Oliver.

DARBY - On 9th August, to Victoria (née Chudley) and Keith, a son, William.

DOTSCH - On August 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Debbie (née Carne) and Steven, a son, Oliver Joe, a brother for Alexander.

FITCH-ELLIS - See Preston.

FRANKEL - On 8th August 1994, to Denise (née Coulston) and Oliver, a son, James Thomas, a brother for Emily and Harry.

GALLOWAY - On August 10th, to Emma (née James) and Andrew, a son, Nicholas James, a brother for Mary.

HOFFMANN - On 10th August, to Rosalie (née Coombe-Tennant) and André, a daughter, Isabel Olga, a sister to Alexander and Frederic.

IRVING - On July 15th, to Abigail (née Scott-Gatty) and David, a son, Jamie, a brother for Lettie.

ISHIKAWA - On August 6th at the Wellington Hospital, to Masahiro and Etsuko, a son, Masataka, a brother for Masaaki.

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JANNEY - On 5th August, to Jane (née Allen) and Michael, a daughter, Tabitha Eliza Daisy, a sister for Benjamin and Joseph.

JEFFREYS - On 5th August, to Suzanne (née Witherick) and Simon, a son, Henry.

KIELY - On July 14th, to Paula (née Richards) and Brendan, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth.

LLOYD - On August 7th, to Alison (née Bassett) and David, a son, Felix Xavier.

MUNDY - On 9th August, to Isobel and David, a son, Edward.

NANDWANI - On July 26th 1994, to Ruth (née Wallace) and Rakesh, a daughter, Beth Maya Wallace.

LONGLEY-COOK

On August 9th, to Sarah (née Waters) and Robert, a daughter, Flora Penrose, a sister for Phoebe and Giles.

BIRTHS

PALLING - On August 10th, to Lucinda (née Bredin) and Bruce, a second son, Henry Douglas Kallash.

PELLEW - On 1st August, to Doone (née Seibie) and Nicholas, a son, Timothy Mark Fleetwood, a brother for Christopher.

PRESTON - On August 4th, to Blossom and Nick at Heavitree Hospital, Exeter, Gabriel, at 25 weeks. A tiny brother for Romilly. Deepest thanks to all hospital staff.

TAYLOR - On 2nd August, to Sarah Lummis and Colin Taylor, a daughter, Nicola Clare.

WILKIE - On August 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Susanne and David, a beautiful daughter, Ellouise Florabell.

DEATHS

CAMERON WARD - On August 8th 1994 at James Paget Hospital, Great Yarmouth, Richard Cameron Ward M.V.O. aged 81, formerly Superintendent Engineer, Windsor Castle. Lamented by all who knew him. Funeral Wednesday August 17th 2pm, Pakefield Parish Church, Lowestoft.

CULLEN - Peacefully on 11th August at Upton Park Hospital, Slough, Thomas Gordon Cullen, CBE, RDI, FRIBA, at the age of 80 years, the author of 'Townscape'. He leaves his much loved widow Jacqueline de Chabaneix and his three daughters Christine, Claire and Isabelle. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary, Gresham Road, Staines, at 11 am on Wednesday 17th August and thereafter funeral at Wraysbury. Flowers most welcome.

DAKYNS - On August 9th 1994, in Norwich, Janine Rosalind, aged 56 years, after a short illness most courageously borne. Janine was a lecturer in 19th Century French Studies at the University of East Anglia for 25 years. She will be sorely missed by her brother Andrew and all her friends, colleagues and students, past and present. The funeral service will take place at The University of East Anglia Chaplaincy on Friday August 19th 1994 at 3 pm, followed by committal at the City of Norwich (Earlham) Crematorium. Flowers or donations, if desired, to the U.E.A. Memorial Fund (JRD) and sent c/o Gordon Barber Funeral Home, 317 Aylsham Road, Norwich, NR3 2AB tel: (0603) 484308.

DAVISON - Air Vice Marshal David John FRCS Ed, aged 62, peacefully at home 11th August 1994. Much loved husband of Anne, dearly loved father of Jonathan, Caroline and Sarah and grandfather of Hugo and Alexandra. Family funeral. Memorial Service to be announced later. No flowers, but donations to the RAF Benevolent Fund, if desired.

HENDRY - Robert Allison on 8th August 1994 in his 100th year. Dearly loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. An example and triumph to old age who had our love and respect. Private cremation.

HODLIN - On August 11th at the Princess Alice Hospice, Mary (née Appleton), widow of Bernard, greatly loved mother, grandmother and friend. Requiem at St Winefride's Church, Richmond, 12 noon Thursday August 18th. Family flowers only, donations please to the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, KT10 8NA.

HONORÉ - Peacefully at his home on August 12th 1994, Edward Joseph (Ted), beloved husband of Peggy, dear father of Shirley, much loved stepfather, grandfather and great-grandfather. Lately Chief Conservator of Forests, Kenya, his home for fifty years. Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Gt Bealings, Suffolk, on Friday August 19th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished for Guide Dogs for the Blind or St Mary's Church, Gt Bealings to E.B. Button & Sons, 24 St Johns St., Woodbridge IP12 1EB.

JÉQUIER - Philip Winton, on 10th August, aged 86, at Witney Community Hospital, peacefully and with dignity after a short but courageous fight against cancer. Husband of the late Mary Jéquier (née Tardrew), dearly loved father of Peter, Robin and Tom and much loved by his nine grandchildren. Memorial Service at St James' Church, Aston, nr. Bampton, Oxon., at 3 pm on Thursday 18th August. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research c/o A.E. Baker & Sons, Cardinal House, 5 Park Road, Faringdon, Oxon., tel: (0367) 240572.

LEIGH - On August 11th 1994, after many years of failing health, borne with the utmost patience, Isabel (Villiers), aged 85, beloved wife of Rupert and mother of Jonathan. Most strictly private funeral at Ramsdell.

LIS-GRADOWSKI - After a short illness on August 8th in Angers, France, Michael Leon Lis-Gradowski MC, aged 86. Much loved husband of Pamela. Funeral privately in France. Memorial Service in Paris later.

McCURRACH - The death is announced of David F. McCurrach, at home, on August 10th 1994, having achieved his 83rd birthday. Dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret Jack and much loved father of Susan Scott and Alison (Bunny) Ayres and honoured grandfather. By his own request, all family and friends are warmly invited to Westoun, Wardlaw Gardens, St Andrews, at 12.30 pm on Tuesday August 16th to celebrate his memory. Burial private. No flowers please, donations to Dr. Barnardos.

POWELL - On August 11th, at her home in Petersham after an illness, Dorothy Louise Powell (Dorothy Grenfell-Williams of the African Service of the BBC), wife of Geoffry Powell, aged 60. She was very loving and very much loved. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Petersham, at 2 pm on Friday 19th August. Enquiries to T.H. Sanders, (081) 549-8967. South African papers please copy.

PULLMAN - On Thursday 11th August, at home after a short illness, Cecily Manning (née Andrews), wife of the late Reginald England Pullman. Funeral at St Bartholomew's Church, Chalvington, on Wednesday 17th August at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Chalvington Church Restoration Fund c/o R. Butler & Sons, 5 Station Road, Hailsham, East Sussex BN27 2BE.

TANNER - On August 11th, peacefully, Geoffrey, in his 96th year, much loved by his family and friends. Cremation at Salisbury Crematorium on Wednesday 17th August at 11.40 am. No flowers but, if wished, donations to St Mary's Hospital Renal Unit Amenity Fund, Portsmouth, PO3 6AD.

THOMAS - Shirley Jean, aged 69, on 11th August 1994, peacefully at home. Private cremation. Donations, if desired, to Trinity Hospice, 30 Clapham Common North Side, London SW4.

VENABLES - Lady Ethel, died peacefully on August 11th, at Markfield Court Nursing Home, Leicestershire. Family funeral service at Loughborough Crematorium on Tuesday August 16th at 2pm. No flowers, please. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Disease Society, c/o Roger Venables, 12 Cranes Drive, Surbiton, Surrey, KT5 8AL. Enquiries to G. Gamble and Sons, (0509) 415415.

WHALLEY - Jim Whalley M.B.E., Colonial Service, Nigeria; Bursar, Mansfield College, Oxford; Town Clerk, Bishops Castle, Shropshire; peacefully in hospital on 7th August. Funeral Service at the Parish Church, Bishops Castle, Shropshire, 2.30pm Tuesday 16th August 1994. Enquiries to (0743) 364094.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SHOOSMITH - A Thanksgiving Service for the lives of Guy and Ann Shoosmith will be held on Wednesday September 7th at 11.30 am at St Peter's Church, St Mary Bourne.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

RIMMER - Peggy (of Perranuthnoe) deceased 13th August 1989 - very much missed.

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10 August 1994 By order of the Board H E Roebuck, Company Secretary.

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STUDENT LOANS COMPANY LIMITED
NOTICE OF VARIATION OF INTEREST RATE

Regulations made under the Education (Student Loans) Act 1990 (as amended)('the Act') and the Education (Student Loans)(Northern Ireland) Order 1990 ('the Order') have prescribed that the interest applicable to Loan Agreements under the Act or Order shall, in respect of the period from 1 September 1994, be the rate of interest per day which, taking into account the addition of interest to the principal amount of the loan, will result in an APR of 2.3%. That rate of interest per day is 0.006235903% per day.

Accordingly Student Loans Company Limited **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that with effect from 1 September 1994 the **RATE OF INTEREST** under all such loan agreements is varied (in respect of the period from 1 September 1994) by being **INCREASED** from the present rate of 0.003269726% per day **TO THE NEW INTEREST RATE OF** 0.006235903% per day (variable: APR 2.3%)

OBITUARIES

DAVID FLEEMAN

David Fleeman, Oxford don and authority on Samuel Johnson, died from cancer in Oxford on July 20 aged 62. He was born on July 19, 1932.



THE death of David Fleeman robs the scholarly world of its greatest Johnsonian. A fellow of Dr Johnson's own Oxford college, Pembroke, and past president of both the Johnson Club and the Johnson Society of Lichfield, he was at the heart of Johnsonian studies. In his publications, teaching and bibliographical researches he not only advanced our knowledge of the great man but himself embodied Johnson's integrity and passion for the truth. The great Johnson bibliography on which he worked for three decades is now at proof stage and will be his most tangible memorial.

John David Fleeman was a Yorkshireman and a "Johnson" on his mother's side. He was born at Holme-on-Spalding-Moor in the old East Riding, the son of a schoolmaster-vicar and a lay reader at the small church of St Peter. It was here that David had his most formative experiences as a choirboy, chanting the psalms and absorbing the sonorous words of Cranmer's Prayer Book and the King James Bible.

From 1943, at Pocklington School, his love for hearing and reciting the English language developed, and when he came upon Johnson's *envoi* in *Idler 103*, sound and substance seemed to combine as never before. He felt an immediate rapport with the solemn tones and was a Johnsonian from that moment.

In 1956, on graduating with a first in English from St Andrews University, he entered the Royal Army Education Corps as a sergeant and taught report-writing, map-reading and Pythagorean geometry. He relished army discipline and the application of the intellect on behalf of truth and practicality. In 1957 he married Isabel Macaskill from the Isle of Harris, in the Outer Hebrides, *and they moved into married quarters* at Windsor, where Fleeman was teaching recruits to the Household Cavalry.

In 1959 he gained a postgraduate place at St Edmund Hall, Oxford, and here came under the lasting influence of L. F. Powell, a Johnsonian who was a model of capacious knowledge harnessed to diligent *inquiry. In Herbert Davis's printing* class Fleeman discovered bibliography's fascinating detective work, which with the powerful moral presence of Johnson formed a decisive combination. Powell set him the task of investigating the 1825 "Oxford" edition of Johnson's works, and he began exploring the layers of textual corruption in an edition then still regarded as standard.

In 1962 Fleeman took up a two-year appointment with the task of cataloguing the superb 18th-century Hyde collection at Four Oaks Farm, New Jersey, and was Hyde fellow in bibliography at Harvard University, 1964-65. After gaining his DPhil in 1965, he became fellow and tutor in English at Pembroke College, Oxford, its librarian, 1969-84, and its vicegerent, 1991-93. As a tutor he liked to preserve the formalities, and he regarded literary criticism — unlike bibliography — as less a search for truth than an opportunity to exercise debating skills. His pupils had to be alert and resourceful. He taught the English faculty's MLitt probationer class in bibliography *and textual criticism*, and was a versatile and scrupulous supervisor. To have access to Fleeman's vast knowledge was a boon to any fledgling research student, and supervisions gave the impetus for many weeks of work. The talk was always buoyant, the interest genuine, the help practical.

His workload increased dramatically *with his appointment as the* university's junior proctor, 1976-77, co-editor of *Notes & Queries*, 1977-84, and general editor for the Oxford Bibliographical Society, 1974-84.These burdens came at a time when Fleeman's health was giving cause for concern, and the physical strain was considerable. Acute kidney failure followed, fortunately remedied *in September* 1979 *by* a successful transplant, and he entered his most productive decade as the leading British Johnson scholar.

In a series of modestly titled "Preliminary Handlists", Fleeman compiled valuable material on Johnson's literary output: *Documents & Manuscripts of Samuel Johnson* (1967), *Books Associated with Dr Samuel Johnson* (1984), and (with Donald Eddy) *Books to which Dr Johnson Subscribed* (1993). He edited the Sale Catalogue of Johnson's library (1975), analysed Johnson's literary earnings (1975), traced the progress of the *Shakespeare* subscription (1944) and for 50 years was a fair and knowledgeable reviewer. As an editor he had a healthy awareness of textual pragmatics: unwilling to amend, he could do so brilliantly. His major editions of Johnson's *Poems* (1971) and *A Journey to the Western Isles of Scotland* (1985) are characterised by an intimate knowledge of Johnson's thought patterns and an awareness of the dynamics of a text's development — the subject of his British Academy Warton lecture on Johnson's poetry in 1983. Fleeman's most consulted work is the masterly Johnson entry in *The New Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature* (1971). The "life sentence" that L. F. Powell promised him in 1960 was heroically carried through.

Fleeman delighted in the circulation of knowledge, and was generous *to a fault with his time. He would* gladly help with a scholarly problem, and was always conscious that learning was a shared endeavour. It was a Johnsonian conviction. At a time when communal values and selfless dedication are increasingly threatened, David Fleeman clung to the principle that scholarship is a moral activity conducted at the meeting point of honesty of purpose and clarity of method. His death impoverishes not just the field of 18th-century bibliography, but the world of learning in general.

His wife survives him: there were no children.

LADY ADEANE



Lady Adeane, widow of Lord Adeane, former Private Secretary to the Queen, died on August 7 aged 78. She was born on January 16, 1916.

HELEN ADEANE was one of London's more original personalities. She was not widely known outside her own circle, preferring to keep a deliberately low profile. In this she was very like her husband, Lord Adeane, who as Private Secretary to the Queen from 1953 to 1972 was one of the senior members of the Royal Household. Helen had no official role to play as his wife, though she was sometimes present at state occasions, and was always an invaluable support. She was apt to defuse uncomfortably formal moments with practical jokes or infectious bursts of laughter.

She was born Helen Chetwynd-Stapylton, the elder daughter of a stockbroker, in Headlands, Berkhamsted, and educated at a series of schools. After coming out, she married Michael Adeane, then the Assistant Private Secretary and Equerry to King George VI, in 1939. They had a son and a daughter. The latter tragically died at the age of 11 in 1953.

Her husband succeeded Sir Alan Lascelles as Private Secretary to the Queen in the same year. He was well fitted *to the post, as there was a* family tradition of service to the court. Adeane had served King George V as a Page of Honour when he was a boy and he was the grandson of Lord Stamfordham, the Private Secretary to Queen Victoria and George V, who once said of him: "He was the man who taught me to be a King".

It was one of the most important and necessarily least conspicuous offices at court. Adeane had to work in the uncharted ground between Crown and Government, making sure that relations between Queen and ministers remained friendly. He was frequently absent from home — a grace and favour apartment in St James's Palace — and from his wife on royal tours. Helen accepted these interruptions to family life without complaint and cultivated her own interests. Throughout the 1950s and early 1960s she visited poor families in Stepney twice a week, and also worked for the Victoria League — the organisation established to look after visitors from the Commonwealth.

Her self-reliance stood her in good stead during her ten years of widowhood, after her husband died suddenly on a fishing holiday in Scotland in 1984. Helen continued to live in Chelsea Square, where she entertained a close circle of friends. She was a self-contained person, happy to amuse herself with books (she particularly enjoyed biographies), newspapers (she completed *The Times* crossword almost every day) and television. Occasionally she toured the Continent, particularly Italy, with her sister.

She was a straightforward, candid woman, given to small, unrecorded acts of generosity and with the ability to see *problems in the light of farce* rather than tragedy. At least twice during the last few years, she found herself locked out of her house. On one such occasion, she was found shortly after midnight at the end of the square armed with a golf club against potential muggers, hailing a taxi to take her to her son's apartment.

She leaves her son, Edward Adeane, a former Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales.

CAPTAIN ROGER LEWIS

Captain Roger Lewis, DSO, OBE, mine disposal expert, died on August 8 aged 85. He was born on July 19, 1909.



Roger Lewis receiving the first DSO awarded during the Second World War

AT THE outbreak of the Second World War, Roger Lewis had recently been promoted lieutenant commander and reappointed from torpedo officer of the battleship *Warspite* to stand by at *HMS Vernon* at Portsmouth. *Vernon* was then the Royal Navy's torpedo and underwater weapon experimental establishment and training school. His reputation as a tough and reliable character commended him as being suitable for preparing block ships for use against the German advance at Zeebrugge and Ostend and the training of explosive demolition teams.

However, a few days after war was declared, the steamer *Magdepur* had been sunk off Orfordness by an underwater explosion in an area already cleared of moored contact mines by minesweepers. This signalled the first use by the Germans of a new type of mine, one that lies on the seabed and is operated by magnetic or acoustic influences.

There was virtually no intelligence and therefore no methods available to deal with this crippling threat to Allied shipping. It was vital to recover an intact specimen as soon as possible. Block ships were reduced in priority and Lewis was ordered to prepare a programme to glean as much knowledge as possible from every incident. This process was much accelerated by the inaccurate dropping of two parachute mines by a Heinkel bomber in shallow water off Shoeburyness during the night of November 22, 1939.

Lewis, accompanied by Lieutenant Commander John Ouvry, Chief Petty Officer Baldwin, Able Seaman Vearncombe and a terrified civilian photographer, proceeded to the site at low tide. Reporting each move by field telephone, this team stripped down the first mine, a process which took two days and required special non-magnetic tools to be manufactured as the work progressed. At one point a component, afterwards deemed harmless, started ticking, causing "a rapid retirement from the area". It was not known whether the mine was magnetic or acoustic until the Mine Design Department at *Vernon* had completed its diagnosis.

Meanwhile Lewis and Ouvry had been ordered to the Admiralty for a debriefing meeting which was unexpectedly attended by Churchill, *then First Lord*, and Admiral Pound, First Sea Lord. Lewis was also present at the stripping of the second Shoeburyness mine which was undertaken as soon as the mechanisms of the first were fully understood. For their work, Lewis and Ouvry were both awarded the DSO by the King at an investiture held at the *Vernon* on December 19, 1939, the first awards of the war. The visit was kept as secret as possible; the surprise saw Lewis having to commandeer somebody's half-finished jacket from Gieves the tailor, smart trousers and a cap from friends.

The principles of "degaussing" *ships to reduce their* magnetic signature were well known and this work was immediately put in train. Lewis was heavily engaged in the practical aspects of designing and operating new forms of influence minesweeping equipment produced by the *Vernon* which, after certain Heath Robinson efforts and a number of disasters, resulted in the efficient "Double L" sweep and the fading of the peril of the magnetic mine.

Roger Curzon Lewis was educated at Dartmouth and first went to sea in the cruiser *Lowestoft* on the Africa station in 1927. Tours in Home Fleet destroyers were followed by specialisation as torpedoman in 1934 at the *Vernon*, thence to the cruiser *Enterprise* in the East Indies. From 1940 to 1942 he was torpedo officer of the battleship *Rodney* until promoted commander and appointed staff torpedo officer to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, the redoubtable Andrew Cunningham.

Much of this tour was spent in Algiers where he met and married his wife, Marguerite Cherry. His duties involved not only the formation and operation of mine and bomb disposal teams to clear North African and Italian ports as the Allies advanced, but also the provision of torpedoes for Mediterranean submarines. Other members of Lewis's team accompanied the Army *to the Anzio beach-head and* captured the first German one-man submarine. Lewis organising its technical evaluation in Malta. In Sardinia they also took possession of the first captured glider bomb. Lewis was responsible for the preparation and organisation of the mines used by the RAF to block the Danube, thereby depriving the Wehrmacht of fuel in the Crimean theatre.

Appointed an OBE for his wartime staff work, Lewis then enjoyed what was to be his only sea command, the 11th Minesweeper flotilla. From 1946 to 1949 a thoroughly detested job in the Naval Equipment Division of the Admiralty at Bath was followed by a more congenial one as second-in-command of the naval air station at Culdrose in Cornwall. Promoted captain, he found a niche as the superintendent of the Torpedo Experimental Establishment at Greenock at a busy time when new technology was giving birth to extravagant ideas without much hope of peacetime funding. A very sensible forward purchase of silver on the open market for use in torpedo batteries saved the taxpayer a tidy sum but earned Lewis a wigging from the Admiralty financiers.

After tours on the staff in the Middle East and as Captain of the Dockyard and Queen's Harbourmaster at Chatham, Lewis retired in 1959.

He worked with Reeds Paper Group and a City stevedoring company until 1974, maintaining his interest in maritime matters by membership of the Medway Conservancy Board and as a governor of the youth training ship *Arethusa*.

Retiring finally to Teignmouth, he became a district councillor. He is survived by his two sons, his wife having died in 1971.

DR REG SUTTON

Dr Reg Sutton, former British swimming champion, died in *Sydney on July 31 aged 85. He was* born on May 10, 1909.



REG SUTTON was one of the outstanding British swimmers between the wars. He represented England or Britain every year from 1928 to 1934 at swimming and at water polo, captaining the team on many occasions. He was the national freestyle champion at 100, 220 and 440 yards in 1931 and 1933 and at 220 yards in 1932. At the Olympic Games in 1928 and 1932 he represented Great Britain in the 100 metres freestyle and the 4 x 200m freestyle relay.

Reg Sutton grew up with swimming, for his father managed a swimming pool and his opportunities for practice soon showed results. He was only 19 when he represented Great Britain at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympic Games, swimming *the 100 metres freestyle and the* 4 x 200 metres relay. He repeated these events at the Los Angeles Olympics four years later when he captained the swimming team.

He played water polo in the 1936 Olympics where he captained the whole British team. His 6ft 3in slim, athletic figure made an impressive carrier of the flag which was finally to drape his coffin.

He won a silver medal as part of the England 4 x 200m freestyle relay team at the Commonwealth Games held at Wembley in 1934.

In 1921 Reg Sutton's father had founded the Plaistow swimming club. By 1929 the club had attracted enough local swimming talent to win the national water polo championship when water polo was a popular and widely played game. The *team included E. H. Temme, the first* man to swim the Channel in both directions, and E. Pascoe, the British long-distance champion. Sutton was one of the stars of the team.

The first trial for the 1936 Olympic water polo team featured Plaistow versus the Rest at Hoylake. The date coincided with the wedding of Sutton's only sister at which he was committed to be best man. A national newspaper chartered a plane to enable him to keep both engagements, a rare gesture in 1936.

He studied medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital, qualifying in 1932. After the usual hospital apprenticeship he spent the war in the Royal Navy, mostly around the Mediterranean and the Red Sea where he swam "until the water got too hot".

After the war he joined a medical practice in Seaford, Sussex. On retirement he moved nearer to Chichester to follow his sailing hobby, but after the sudden death of his wife Nancy, to whom he was devoted, he moved to Australia to join members of his family.

Reg Sutton was a shining example of a true amateur sportsman. He leaves one son and two daughters.

ON THIS DAY

August 13 1877

Today, anyone catching nightingales (even if he could find them) would be risking prosecution but in 1877 things were different. Frank Buckland (1826-1880) was a great populariser of natural history and a leading authority on fish and fisheries.

BIRDS' PRESERVATION ACT.— Mr. Frank Buckland writes in *Land and Water*:- "Wednesday, August 1, was the first open day for the London and suburban birdcatchers. The close time began in March, so that the birds have had a fair chance of increase. The birds this year have never previously had such a chance, as the farmers and landowners have prohibited the birdcatchers from trespassing on their lands.

Mr. Davy, the bird dealer of Camden Town, has brought me his monthly report. He informs me that the Act has not caused any noticeable increase in the soft-meat, that is insect-eating, birds. The blackcaps and nightingales arrived unusually early this spring, owing to the genial weather. The weather having changed to cold easterly winds, caused these birds to go to nest very late; insect food was very scarce. He has spent much time in looking round their old haunts, where there *used to be abundance of insectivorous birds.* Few are now to be seen, and the young are very poor, and late in moulting. Out of five young nightingales caught today, only one had started moulting, and two old male birds had but just commenced to moult. These birds take their departure at the end of the month, and to a certainty they will be much later in leaving this year, as they never go away until clean moulted. August and September are the silent months of the year, as the birds are in full moult. The butcher birds had large nests of young, and, unusually abundant and strong, they can be heard in most of the *hedgerows round London.*

The catchers will make havoc in the Western counties among the young goldfinches by the end of this week, these being the only parts in England where they most abound. This year they are very scarce and prices run very high. The catchers are getting double the price of ten years ago. The reason of this scarcity is on account, principally, of the barren thistle-growing lands being brought under cultivation, and this particular bird being such an easy prey to the catchers, and such great favourites as home pets.

PARLIAMENT AND SEWER GAS.— Mr. A. C. Shelley writes from 17, Parliament-street, S.W.:- Sewer gas for the last six months has been exuding from the sewer grating at the western extreme corner of the Old Palace-yard gates, which hundreds of members pass over and by every day and night. They need not ask you to supply them with an accompanying plan of the exact spot. Those who have a nose to smell can if they please to stand by Police-constable 36 A R, who has done duty at the spot since Febraury last, find out the precious pest-hole. There is no mistake. My attention was on Saturday arrested by being nearly suffocated by the emitted sewer gas. I spoke to the constable *about it, and he told the plaintive story that he* had reported the fact for months, that at times he had been quite ill from it, and that he believed thousands of feet of coal gas mingled with sewer gas escaped weekly and combine to make the atmosphere of St Stephen's positively poisonous. May it not be wafted into the cool and translucent chambers of the House itself?"

PERSONAL COLUMN

LEGAL NOTICES

To the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of THAMES
To the Chief Officer of Police for the Police Area of the said District:
To the Proper Officer of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets
To the Fire Authority, Chief Fire Officer, East Ham Fire Station, High Street South, London, E.6.
and to whom it may concern.
TAKE NOTICE THAT WE MARZANO FRANCESCO and SHAPPA ALBERTO of 13, St. Mary's Terrace, London, W.2. and 244, Ashmore Road, London, W.9 respectively having for the last six months carried on the trade or calling of Restaurateurs and Restaurant Managers intend to apply at the Licensing Sessions to be held at Thames Magistrates Court, 58, Bow Road, London, E.3. on the 6th day September, 1994 at 10 o'Clock in the forenoon for the grant to us of a New Justices' Licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption on the premises situate at 11 & 12, Steward Street, Spitalfields, London, E.1. and to be known by the sign of Le Rendezvous a plan of which premises has been deposited with the Clerk to the Licensing Justices together with this notice. Dated the 4th day of August 1994. Signed T.V. EDWARDS (Authorised Agent on behalf of the Applicant).

To the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of THAMES
To the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis
To the Proper Officer of London Borough of Tower Hamlets
To the Fire Authority
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NEWS

West wins court order over lawyer

■ A High COURT judge has granted Frederick West, the alleged mass murderer, a temporary order preventing his former lawyer revealing details of their prison cell interviews.

The move came after it was announced that disciplinary action is to be taken against Howard Ogden, the solicitor sacked by Mr West last week, who is accused of attempting to sell his story for £1 million Pages 1, 2

Parents granted right to smack children

■ Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, has ended the confusion surrounding corporal punishment by making it clear that parents and child-minders have the right to smack naughty children Page 1

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A drifter found hanging in a lonely spot may be the killer of Sandra Parkinson, the waitress murdered near a Devon resort Page 3

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The son of the late Jean Paul Getty has pledged £1 million to keep the Three Graces sculpture in Britain Pages 1, 5

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Europe's numerous air traffic control systems are undermining attempts to cut down on hazardous exhaust fumes over cities such as Paris and London Page 6

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The UN Secretary-General is to ask the Security Council to deploy peacekeepers in Burundi to stem tribal violence Page 10

Clinton in crisis

President Clinton faces a a political crisis after the House threw out his crime bill Page 12

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— The Wall Street Journal

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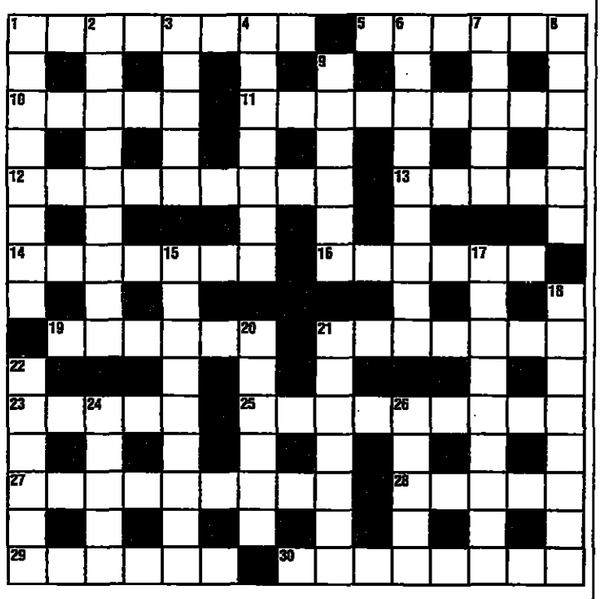
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ACROSS

1 Safe to sleep around? A boy always results (5,3)
5 It once caused a change of mind (6)
10 Sensational luck — first half free (5)
11 Few failing to finish in parsonage dining-room (9)
12 Working as domestic among the china (2,7)
13 Mark on top of scalp has partly disappeared (5)
14 The Northern regiment may be fools (7)
16 George's opponent can be boring (6)
19 Pay attention to what's in emphatic type (6)
21 Having been wrong, make suitable allowance (7)
23 Goods supplied on request make the grade (5)
25 One's working to bring about exact copy of jewellery technique (9)
27 In favour of joining riot (9)
28 Loyal friend dropped in error (5)
29 Ode about the North is gloomy (6)
30 One carrying on a vendetta had a dramatic tragedy (8)

DOWN

1 Relieve a sickness arising in the head (8)
2 Act with pronounced grace — it facilitates a sporting admission (9)
3 More uncivilised than the forefathers of the hamlet? (5)
4 Hostess, perhaps, close to a high-level smash-up (7)
6 One out of a hundred takes a profit a second time (4,5)
7 Company gives a rise to indigent superintendent at last (5)
8 Many mutilated, initially caught by a savage animal (6)
9 Failed to move away from home (6)
15 Make an inspection, as Humpty Dumpty did (4,5)
17 Infringing at start of race and finish (9)
18 Stuntman from Russia announced (8)
20 Catch cold in the river? It's a trick (6)
21 Guide later perhaps has a biscuit (7)
22 Ceremonial 23 may decorate hat (6)
24 As debtor, have to go under (5)
26 Black bishop taken in exchange (5)

Solution to Puzzle No 19.614

O	R	D	E	R	L	Y		B	O	T	T	L	E	D
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Solution to Puzzle No 19.619

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Y		Y		T		D	R	E	D	G	I	N	G	

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: J A Shaw, Glossop; G F O'Neill, Wadhurst, East Sussex; J Brennan, Stockport; N Janes, Burnham, Buckinghamshire; F Cornwell, Harold Wood, Essex.

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

TODAY

Sun rises: 5.42 am — Sun sets: 8.26 pm
Moon sets: 10.57 pm — Moon rises: 1.32 am

First quarter August 14

London 8.28 pm to 5.42 am
Bristol 8.37 pm to 5.52 am
Edinburgh 8.55 pm to 5.39 am
Manchester 8.42 pm to 5.44 am
Penzance 8.45 pm to 6.08 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 5.44 am — Sun sets: 8.26 pm
Moon sets: 11.39 pm — Moon rises: 2.46 am

First quarter today

London 8.26 pm to 5.44 am
Bristol 8.35 pm to 5.53 am
Edinburgh 8.54 pm to 5.40 am
Manchester 8.40 pm to 5.46 am
Penzance 8.43 pm to 6.09 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.42	6.7	5.47	6.7
Aberdeen	5.09	4.1	5.46	3.8
Avonmouth	11.01	12.1	11.20	11.9
Belfast	2.39	3.5	3.04	3.2
Cardiff	10.44	11.23	11.05	11.10
Devonport	9.40	5.0	9.57	5.0
Dover	2.24	6.4	2.55	6.5
Falmouth	9.10	4.6	9.27	4.8
Glasgow	4.18	4.9	4.52	4.5
Harwich	2.28	3.9	3.37	4.0
Holyhead	1.59	5.4	2.22	5.1
Hull	9.58	7.20	10.32	6.82
Ilfracombe	9.49	8.47	10.11	8.36
King's Lynn	10.03	6.5	11.38	5.9
Leith	6.32	5.4	7.02	5.2
Liverpool	2.50	9.2	3.16	8.8
Lowestoft	1.02	2.3	1.20	2.5
Margate	3.39	4.5	3.55	4.7
Milford Haven	10.06	6.4	10.29	6.3
Newquay	9.00	6.4	9.24	6.4
Oban	9.25	3.4	9.44	3.4
Penzance	8.50	5.1	9.09	5.0
Portland	10.36	1.8	10.49	1.8
Portsmouth	2.53	4.5	3.22	4.5
Shoreham	2.41	5.9	3.10	5.9
Southampton	2.22	4.3	2.49	4.3
Swansea	10.06	8.9	10.29	8.7
Tees	7.32	5.1	8.09	4.8
Whitn-on-Nze	3.23	4.1	3.38	4.0

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Strath Allan, Tayside, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: London, 2.39in; highest sunshine: Glasgow, 10hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales should have a mostly dry day apart from a few showers, chiefly near the east coast and perhaps around Liverpool Bay. Scotland will be dry for the most part and N Ireland should have a dry day but be rather cloudy.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, E & W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, Central N:** dry with some sunny spells. Wind north to northwest moderate or fresh becoming light to moderate later. Max temp 20C (68F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England:** rather cloudy with some showers late morning. Wind northwest moderate or fresh becoming light to moderate later. Max temp 18C (64F).

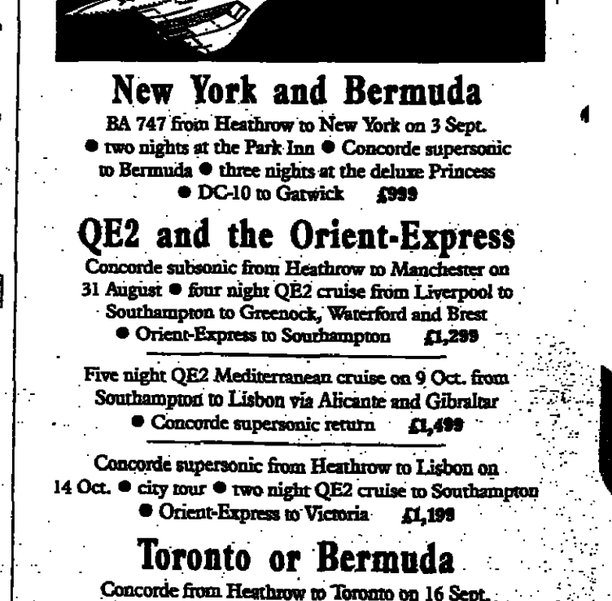
☐ **N Wales, NW England:** rather cloudy and mostly dry, perhaps a shower at first. Wind north to northwest moderate to fresh becoming light to moderate later. Max temp 18C (64F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** dry with some sunny spells. Wind north to northwest moderate to fresh becoming light to moderate later. Max temp 18C (64F).

☐ **NE England, Aberdeen, Orkney, Shetland:** rather cloudy with some showers at first. Wind moderate to fresh locally strong at first, becoming light to moderate later. Max temp 15C (59F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** dry but mostly cloudy. Wind moderate to fresh northwest becoming westerly light to moderate later. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Outlook:** most places will be dry with some sunshine at times, but cloud and rain in the west later.



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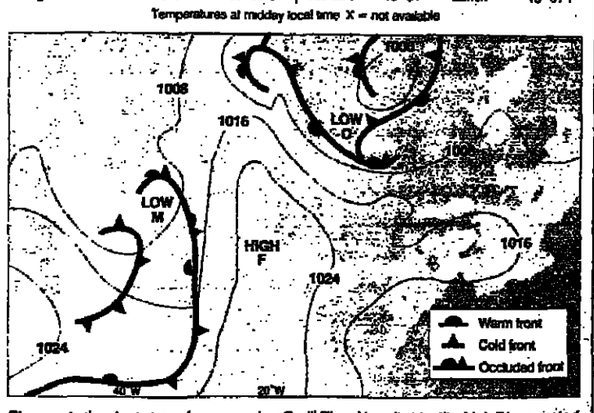
24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.8	-	15	59	c	Liverpool	4.2	-	19	66	b
Anglesey	5.0	-	18	64	b	London	-	2.39	18	64	r
Aspatria	5.0	-	17	63	s	Lowestoft	-	0.90	17	63	r
Aviemore	2.2	0.03	15	59	d	Manchester	X	X	17	63	c
Belfast	2.4	-	17	63	sh	Margate	-	0.36	20	68	r
Birmingham	X	X	19	66	r	Minehead	0.9	0.23	20	68	r
Bognor R	0.7	0.29	20	68	sh	Morecambe	2.7	-	18	64	c
Bournem'th	0.4	-	20	68	c	Newcastle	-	0.08	13	55	c
Bristol	2.0	0.74	20	68	c	Newquay	3.6	0.01	21	70	c
Buxton	0.2	0.04	15	59	sh	Norwich	-	0.66	17	63	r
Cardiff	0.4	0.14	20	68	c	Nottingham	1.7	-	19	66	c
Clacton	-	0.35	18	64	r	Oxford	0.1	0.17	19	66	r
Cleethorpes	2.4	0.03	20	68	r	Penzance	4.8	-	19	66	s
Colwyn Bay	0.4	-	18	61	c	Plymouth	1.7	0.33	19	66	c
Doncaster	1.0	-	18	64	r	Poole	0.6	-	20	68	c
Dunbar	3.5	-	15	59	b	Ross-o-wye	4.4	0.40	21	70	s
Eastbourne	1.4	0.21	20	68	sh	Ryde	0.5	0.04	21	70	sh
Edinburgh	7.9	-	18	64	b	Salcombe	1.8	0.06	21	70	c
Eskdalemuir	3.9	0.01	15	59	b	Sandown	0.7	0.02	19	66	d
Exmouth	1.8	0.23	20	68	d	Saunin Snd	4.5	0.06	20	68	s
Falmouth	X	-	19	66	b	Scarboro'	-	-	17	63	c
Fishguard	3.0	0.08	16	61	b	Scilly Isles	3.5	-	18	64	c
Folkestone	4.1	1.26	21	70	t	Shanklin	0.7	0.01	19	66	c
Glasgow	10.0	-	21	70	s	Shrewsbury	0.2	0.02	17	63	du
Guernsey	1.3	0.48	19	66	c	Skegness	0.4	0.18	19	66	sh
Hayling I.	0.2	0.04	19	66	sh	Southport	5.7	-	18	64	s
Herne Bay	0.6	0.33	19	66	r	Stornoway	1.2	0.01	15	59	d
Hove	0.8	0.06	20	68	sh	Swanage	0.7	-	20	68	c
Hunstanton	X	0.60	18	64	sh	Teignmouth	2.2	0.12	21	70	c
Isle of Man	7.0	-	18	64	b	Tenby	3.8	0.24	18	64	c
Jersey	3.5	-	19	66	c	Tiree	3.8	-	15	59	c
Kinloss	1.4	0.02	15	59	c	Torquay	2.5	0.20	21	70	c
Leeds	X	X	15	59	d	Tynemouth	-	0.02	13	55	du
Lerwick	2.0	-	13	55	du	Ventnor	1.0	0.02	20	68	c
Leuchars	5.6	-	16	61	c	These are Thursday's figures					

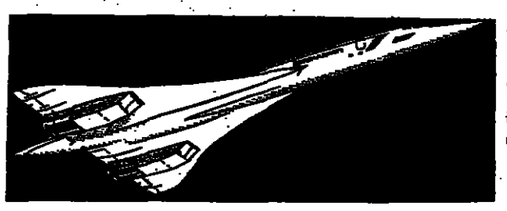
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Ajaccio	31	88	s	C'phagn	23	73	f	Madrid	31	88	s
Akrotiri	33	91	s	Corfu	36	97	s	Majorca	34	93	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Dublin	14	57	c	Malaga	29	84	s
Algiers	33	91	s	Dubrovnik	31	88	s	Malta	33	91	s
Amst'dam	17	63	c	Faro	27	81	s	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Athens	35	95	s	Florence	29	84	s	Mexico C	19	64	f
Bahrain	39	97	s	Frankfurt	17	63	f	Miami	29	84	t
Bangkok	34	93	f	Funchal	25	77	s	Milan	30	86	f
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	23	73	f	Montreal	21	70	s
Barcelona	27	81	s	Gibraltar	29	84	s	Moscow	21	70	f
Beirut	29	84	f	Helsinki	19	66	c	Munich	19	66	c
Belgrade	30	86	s	Hong K	32	90	f	Nairobi	23	73	f
Berlin	18	64	f	Innsbrck	20	68	f	Naples	30	86	f
Bermuda	32	90	f	Istanbul	32	90	s	N Delhi	30	86	f
Biarritz	22	72	t	Jeddah	35	95	s	N York	27	81	c
Borde'x	26	79	f	Jo'burg	21	70	s	Nice	29	84	s
Brussels	17	63	f	Karachi	32	90	f	Oslo	24	75	f
Budapst	25	77	t	L Palmas	25	77	f	Paris	17	63	f
B Aires	20	68	s	Le Toquet	18	64	f	Peking	28	79	f
Cairo	35	97	s	Lisbon	25	77	s	Perth	15	59	f
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Locarno	29	84	s	Prague	17	63	t
Chicago	19	66	c	L Angels	28	82	s	Reykjavik	10	50	s
Ch'church	-	-		Luxembg	16	61	c	Rhodes	31	88	s
Cologne	18	64	c	Luxor	39	102	s	Rio de J	18	64	f
								Riyadh	42	108	s
								Rome	30	86	s
								Salzburg	22	72	t
								S Frisco	17	63	s
								Santiago	20	68	s
								S Paulo	22	72	c
								Seoul	26	86	f
								Sing'por	31	88	t
								Stckholm	21	70	f
								Strasb'rg	19	66	c
								Sydney	18	66	f
								Tangier	27	81	s
								Tel Aviv	32	90	s
								Tenerife	27	81	s
								Tokyo	32	90	f
								Toronto	20	68	f
								Tunis	34	93	s
								Valencia	30	86	f
								Vanc'ver	21	70	s
								Venice	28	82	s
								Vienna	24	75	f
								Warsaw	23	73	t
								Wash'ton	31	88	t
								Zurich	18	61	r

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available



Changes to the chart above from noon: low O will fill and lose its identity; high F is expected to transfer slowly east; low M should deepen as it moves northeast



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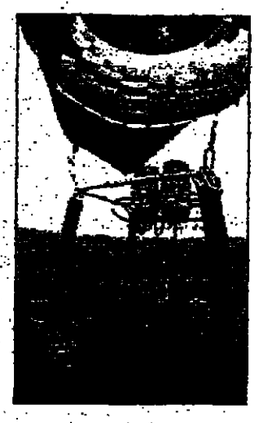


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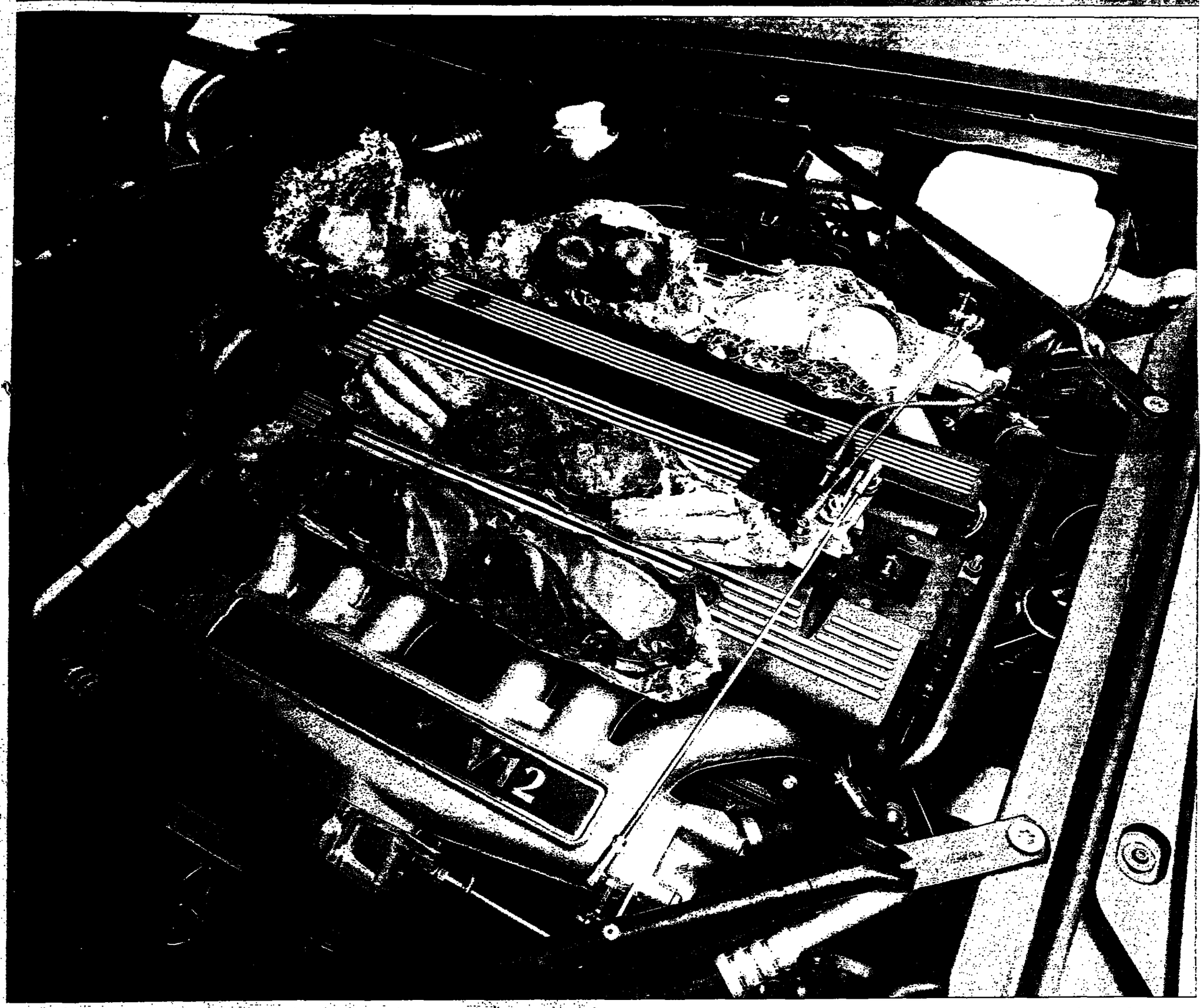
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WEEKEND

THE MOTORING CHEF'S GUIDE TO MEALS ON WHEELS



By Robin Young

In the pantheon of culinary greats, alongside Apicius, author of the world's first cookbook, Escoffier, principal begetter of the *répertoire de la cuisine*, and Soyer, deviser of the improved field kitchen for the British Army, there should be some space reserved for Chris Maynard and Bill Scheller. It could, appropriately, be a niche just large enough for a motoring trophy, because these are the cookie (and I do mean cookie) guys who brought to the world the art of cooking on a car engine.

Like all great inventions, it is blindingly obvious when somebody else has thought of it first. The natural partnership between the internal combustion engine and the cooking process was right there in the language for anyone to spot. People talked in terms of "let's get cooking" and "now you're really motoring", oblivious for years to the implications they might have seen in the phrases' interchangeability. However, as critics and pedants regularly point out, Genghis Khan may have got there first, by stuffing raw meat under the saddle cloth of his horse to pound and tenderise it as he rode. This is the origin, some say, of steak tartare, but the whole point of that dish is that it is raw. Ideally, car cookery should be done to a turn at the journey's end, or at some convenient stopover *en route*.

There were other, more valid, historical precedents for the use of excess heat generated by means of propulsion as a means of cooking before Messrs Maynard and Scheller drove their car into the kitchen, but they were the preserve of a privileged few. The firemen on steam engines were claimed to cook breakfast on their shovels in the boiler fire, and truck drivers regularly heated cans of steak and beans for dinner alongside their lorries' engines or exhausts. What Maynard and Scheller did, though, was to show that meals on wheels for ordinary people do not have to be food delivered to the aged and incapacitated. Meals on wheels, they proved, were something all motorists could make for their own enjoyment. Maybe the concept will never put the motorway service area selling food out of business, or replace the

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Henry Goodman, as a salesman at war with his own identity, in Arthur Miller's passionate drama, *Broken Glass* (see Theatre)

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

BROKEN GLASS: Arthur Miller tackles a painful subject: the failure of Americans, including American Jews, to take the threat of Nazism seriously enough. A morally earnest piece lifted by the author's passion and some fine actors, notably Henry Goodman as a real-estate salesman at war with his own ethnic identity.
National, Lyttelton, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Evenings, Saturday 13 and Monday 15, 7.30pm; matinée, Saturday 13, 2.15pm. Continues in repertoire.

TWELFTH NIGHT: Emma Fielding, radiating forlorn bravado, is a most touching Viola, and Des Barrit, plumply sour, a hilarious Malvolio. Although both players are also giving excellent performances as Hermia and Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, this is the pick of the summer comedies at the RSC's Warwickshire headquarters.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Evening, Wednesday 17, 7.30pm; matinée, Thursday 18, 1.30pm. Continues in repertoire.

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FILMS

Geoff Brown

DRAMBUIE EDINBURGH FILM FESTIVAL: The name may be different, but punters will still recognise Edinburgh's annual cinema junket. Increased sponsorship has not yet been reflected in any increase in the programme's ambitions, though no one should pass up a chance to enjoy Ken Loach's *Ladybird, Ladybird*, Zhang Yimou's *To Live*, or the camp Australian romp *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* (tonight's opening gala). Much of the best fun at the festival might well come from the two retrospectives, devoted to Japan's Shohei Imamura, a committed observer of human oddities, and the Hungarian-born André de Toth, a one-eyed American director of striking, cold-blooded thrillers and westerns, and the 3-D classic, *House of Wax*.
Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH3 (031-228 2688). Until August 28.

TRUE LIES (15): Summer would not be summer without superspy Arnold Schwarzenegger bashing heads, torching châteaux, flying Harrier jets and saving the world from the terrorist group Crimson Jihad. The nudge-nudge silliness that infected *Last Action Hero* is still present, although the film's principal fault is the laborious, unfunny domestic comedy that fills out the middle and demeans Jamie Lee Curtis (playing Arnie's wife). Director James Cameron stages the high-budget mayhem with his customary aplomb. This is undoubtedly the popcorn muncher of the season.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

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DANCE

John Percival

MIAMI CITY BALLET: George Balanchine likes to pretend that his *Jewels* was the first plotless three-act ballet. Good for marketing, but actually it comes across as three contrasted works (as different as their music by Fauré, Stravinsky and Tchaikovsky), linked only by similar designs. Well worth seeing as the Edinburgh Festival's first dance programme, performed by Miami City Ballet, which was founded eight years ago by one of Balanchine's best former dancers, Edward Villella (Monday 15 to Wednesday 17, 7.30pm). Their second programme, also by Balanchine, is even better: *Serenade, Four Temperaments, Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux* and *Western Symphony* (Friday 19, 7.30pm; Saturday 20, 2.30pm, 7.30pm).
Playhouse, Greenside Place, Edinburgh (031-225 5756).

BRIDGING THE GAPS: Dance on the Edinburgh Fringe is always a gamble, but Richard Demarco's track record is better than most. His European Art Foundation offers three dance companies daily, Monday 15 to Saturday 20. Wendy Buonaventura's *Dancing Girls* is Raqs Sharki — the upmarket version of belly dancing (12.15pm). Jean Vinclair presents *Petites Chroniques* (2.15pm) and Yvette Bozsik's company dances *The Countess* (8.15pm).
St Mary's School, Albany Street/York Lane, Edinburgh (031-558 3371).

GALLERIES

Richard Cork

HELEN CHADWICK: The sound of the main exhibit greets visitors before they enter Helen Chadwick's Serpentine Gallery show. And once they step inside the first room, *Cacao* greets them in all its streaming, bubbling drama. Chadwick made this chocolate fountain especially for the exhibition. It sets in motion 750 kilos of the stuff. Hypnotically oozing eruptions of hot mud, *Cacao* launches a powerful assault on the senses. The plopping sounds are as important as the colour and the appetising smell — even if Chadwick points out that the fountain is also a "garden of bacteria". Around the walls hang her *Wreaths to Pleasure*, a title that sums up her dual fascination with sensuality and transience. The rest of this ambivalent show moves, in turn, from seductive images to intimations of danger and death.
Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (071-723 9072). Until August 29.

TURNER'S HOLLAND: A restless traveller, Turner never visited Holland until he was middle-aged. But his fascination with Dutch art began early, when he admired a sea painting by Van de Velde. It "made me a painter", he claimed later, and the Tate Gallery now explores the full extent of his involvement with Holland. At that time, the United Netherlands included Belgium, so Turner's *The Field of Waterloo* is on display here. It shows how passionately anti-war he was, painting a nocturnal scene piled high with French and British corpses. But the main part of the exhibition is devoted to marine paintings. Turner loved the sea, especially when it was turbulent. *Calais Pier* is a splendid early showpiece, filled with dangerous incidents. But Turner was equally capable of serenity, giving his vision of Holland a glowing calm in other paintings.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-887 8000). Until Oct 2.

MUSEUMS

John Russell Taylor

EUROPE 15th-19th CENTURIES: The reorganisation and refurbishment of the British Museum proceeds apace. The latest sections to reopen in a new, improved form are the galleries (46 and 47) devoted to European design in the 15th to 19th centuries. This, of course, bulks much larger in the V&A's less global considerations. What we get is a sampling of high points, much assisted by recent bequests such as the Hall Grundy collection of jewellery (1978) and the Goldman collection of Spanish lustre pottery (1983). By no means everything is grand, but everything is very good, from Paul Storr's neo-classical gold Portland Font to the world's most comprehensive collection of botanical jewellery.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (071-580 1788). Monday to Saturday, 10am-5pm; Sunday 2.30-6pm.

THE PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPE: A couple of centuries ago two immensely influential documents in the history of taste were published, Uvedale Price's *Essay on the Picturesque*, and *The Landscape: A Didactic Poem* by Richard Payne Knight, otherwise best remembered for his much referred-to *Discourse on the worship of Priapus*. Both writers were landowners in Hereford, and Hereford City Art Gallery, in collaboration with the University of Nottingham Art Gallery, has organised a splendid show, at once scholarly and visually attractive, to commemorate the bicentenary and to illustrate the interconnection of the writers' ideas and the countryside they lived in and owned. For its Nottingham showing a section is added on the Picturesque and Sherwood Forest.
University of Nottingham Art Gallery, The Arts Centre, University Park, Nottingham (0602 513189). Monday to Friday, 10am-6pm; Saturday 11am-6pm; Sunday, Bank Holiday Monday, 2-5pm. Until September 4.

CLASSICAL

Richard Morrison

PICK OF THE PROMS: Expect John Tavener's *The Apocalypse*, premiered tomorrow under Richard Hickox's direction, to be much the same as all the other works streaming from Tavener's prolific pen in the past few years: extremely slow, ritualistic and immersed in



John Eliot Gardiner

the modes of the Orthodox Church. Livelier fare on Tuesday when Franz Welser-Möst leads the dance for a Viennese Night. John Eliot Gardiner brings his period instruments to bear upon Beethoven's Fifth Symphony on Wednesday (at 8pm); and 16 singers assemble on Friday for a Tribute to Henry Wood (50 years to the day after his death), that includes Vaughan Williams's *Serenade to Music*.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-589 8212). All at 7.30pm, except where stated.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: First nights do not come any bigger than tomorrow's in Auld Reekie. Mahler's gigantic Symphony No 8 — the so-called "Symphony of a Thousand" — will probably lift the roof off the Usher Hall (8pm). The peerless Borodin String Quartet begins its Beethoven quartet cycle (Monday, Thursday and next Saturday, Queen's Hall, 11am; Tuesday, Usher Hall, 10.30pm). And on Friday (Usher Hall, 8pm) the European Community Youth Orchestra is in town, with Carlo Maria Giulini, for an all-Brahms programme.
Edinburgh Festival (031-225 5756). August 14 to September 3.

Rodney Milnes

FIDELIO: Tim Albery's new production for Scottish Opera is the first Edinburgh festival staging to open in the new Festival Theatre; the bright young cast is conducted by music director Richard Armstrong, and it is good to see Scotland's national opera company back at the centre of the festival, where it belongs. A helpful piece of festival planning brings in its wake a Fidelio Day at the Usher Hall, with a cluster of Leonore overtures (morning) and a concert performance of Beethoven's radically different first version (afternoon) conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras. The whole shebang is introduced by the musicologist H.C. Robbins Landon.

Fidelio, **Festival Theatre**, Nicolson St, Edinburgh. Monday 15 and Wednesday 17, 7.15pm; Fidelio Day, **Usher Hall**, Lothian Road, Edinburgh. Wednesday 17, 10am. Box-office 031-225 5756.

BRISEIS: Chabrier, whose centenary falls this year, shares the festival spotlight with Beethoven and there is a rare outing — the first in Britain — for the single surviving act of his grand opera based on Goëthe's *The Bride of Corinth*. Joan Rodgers, Jean-Luc Viala and Simon Keenlyside lead the cast of a concert performance conducted by Jean Yves Ossonce. The lighter side of Chabrier is celebrated in a late-night cabaret devised by Gerald Larner, following immediately after.
Briséis, **Usher Hall**, Lothian Road. Thursday 18, 8pm; Chabrier Cabaret, **Royal Lyceum Theatre**, Grindlay St. Thursday 18, 10.30pm. Box-office 031-225 5756.

David Sinclair

UB40: The most unflappable band in rock, UB40 have quietly sold millions of records all over the world, winning mainstream acceptance and a wholesome reputation for their mellifluous reggae music formula, despite recent unsavoury revelations about their past. Having stuck with reggae all through the 1980s when it was deeply unfashionable, they have had the satisfaction of seeing the wheel turn in their favour in the 1990s. Foremost among the new breed of stars who have taken modern reggae back into the pop charts, are Chaka Demus & Pliers, and UB40's own protégé Bitty McLean, both of whom are among the support acts at this day-long event. Also on the bill, of what is being touted as the biggest (non-festival) show of the summer (capacity 65,000), are Jamiroquai and Oui 3.
Milton Keynes Bowl (0908 234466). Saturday 13, gates open 1.30pm, show ends 11pm. **Don Valley Stadium**, Sheffield (0742 565656). Saturday 20, 1.30pm. **Stirling Castle** (UB40 and Jamiroquai only) (031-556 1212). Thursday 18, gates open 6.30pm.

OASIS: Usually you have to die to get on the covers of both *New Musical Express* and *Melody Maker* in the same week, but Oasis, the five-piece band from Manchester, led by the battling Gallagher brothers, Noel and Liam, managed the feat a couple of weeks ago on the strength of just two singles and a trail of devastated hotel rooms. Their new single "Live Forever", just out, combines a careful measure of pop melody with a dose of typically brazen attitude. Their gigs this week will be jammed solid with fans who can usually be relied upon to put on a better show than the band. If their debut album (due out at the end of the month) is any good, then stardom beckons.
Rock City, Talbot Street, Nottingham (0602 412544). Monday 15, 7.30pm. **Forum**, Highgate Road, London NW5 (071-284 2200). Tuesday 16, 7.30pm. **Astoria**, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (071-434 0403). Thursday 18, 7.30pm.

Clive Davis

AFRO-CUBA: The long-running love affair of Ronnie Scott and his partner Pete King with Cuban jazz has brought a distinguished line of visitors into the house, among them the dashing mini-big band Irakere, trumpeter Arturo Sandoval and the pianist Gonzalo Rubalcaba. If some of the purists were wary at first, the Latin seasons are now established as an indispensable part of the annual programme. The members of Afro-Cuba were in the vanguard of the invasion a decade or so ago. Although the group originally specialised in reviving and exploring the island's folk heritage, it soon gravitated towards the more conventional bop and post-bop idioms. Now expanded to a seven-piece, the band can be relied on to live up to the Cuban tradition of marrying dazzling technical skill with exuberant cross-rhythms. The support slot is occupied by the stylish and almost manically eclectic vocalist Ian Shaw.
Ronnie Scott's, Frith St, London W1 (071-439 0747). Monday to Saturday 27, first set from 9.30pm.

JIMMY WEBB: If he had never written another hit besides "By The Time I Get to Phoenix" — thought to be the third most performed song of the last half century — Jimmy Webb would still be assured of a place in the pantheon of popular song. "Wichita Lineman" and the epic melodrama of "MacArthur Park" (delivered in, shall we say, idiosyncratic style by Ol' Red Eyes, Richard Harris) helped to cement Webb's reputation as a superior manipulator of soft-focus melody and lyrics. After achieving extraordinary success as a writer, arranger and producer for big-name artists, Webb turned to performing and, later, composing for the stage. Riding on the acclaim for his recent album, *Suspending Disbelief*, he has also been at work on a new project with Harris.
Café Royal, Green Room, Regent St, London W1 (071-437 9090). Tuesday to Saturday, September 3.

BEDFORDSHIRE

Stand and Deliver: Street entertainment with face painting, juggling and the "smallest theatre in the world".
Harpur Square, Bedford. Today, 10am-4pm. Admission is free.

BERKSHIRE

Animal Day: Meet the Dulux dog and discover a treasure trail with Peter Rabbit.
Wellington Country Park, Riseley, near Reading (0734 326444). Tomorrow, 11am-5.30pm. Adults £2.95, children £1.45. Under-fives, admission free.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Puppet Theatre Barge: Watch a play with a riverside setting. *Flight of Babuscha Baboon* followed in the evening by *The Ancient Mariner*.
Higginsons Park, Marlow (071-249 6876). Babuscha, today, 2.30pm. Adults £5, children £4.50. Ancient Mariner, today, 8pm. Adults £6.50, children £5.



Make a tearful face

DORSET

International Mask Festival: Make your own at a children's workshop and discover the origin of this ancient skill.
Brewers Quay and Timewalk, Hope Square, Weymouth (0305 777022). Today and tomorrow, 2pm. Children £1.50.

Kite Festival: Displays, parachuting teddies, clowns and flying arena.
Hengistbury Head, Bournemouth (0202 552066). Tomorrow, 10am-5pm. Admission free.

LONDON

Flying, the Spirit of Brooklands: The history of aviation. Talk to American pilot Peter McMillan who will be recreating the first flight in 1919 from England to Australia. Audio visual displays.
Sotheby's, 34 New Bond Street (071-408 5166). Monday, 2pm. Until August 26. Admission free.

Camden Summer Fun Sports Session: Football, volleyball, trampolining, netball, etc. Suitable for eight to 16-year-olds.
Prince Edward's Playing Fields, Edgware (transport provided from Camden) (071-482 3038). Must book in advance. Sessions start on Monday 14th, from 9.15am. Prices from £15.

NORTHUMBERLAND

Claws: New exhibition about cats. Press buttons to hear different noises.
Hancock Museum, Claremont Road, Newcastle upon Tyne (091-222 7410). Today, 10am-5pm; tomorrow, 2pm-5pm. Adults £1.80, children £1.

OXFORDSHIRE

The King's Lifeguard of Foote: Sealed Knot Weekend. A Civil War re-enactment. Browse round the farm. Feed the animals and cook in the kitchen.
Cogges Manor Farm Museum, Church Lane, Witney (0993 772602). Today and tomorrow, from 12 noon. Adults £2.75, children £1.50. Under-fives, admission free.

STRATHCLYDE

Bicycles: Try out George Wyllie's Great European Velocipede and Pedal the Skele (demonstration skeleton on wheel) at this moving exhibition.
Museum of Transport, Kelvin Hall, Bunhouse Road, Glasgow (041-357 3929). Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm. Sunday, 11am-5pm. Admission free.

YORKSHIRE

Here Be Dragons: Exhibition explaining how collectors find dinosaur remains in Britain: fossils, including the Cretaceous dinosaur from the Isle of Wight.
Yorkshire Museum, Museum Gardens, York (0904 629745). Until October, everyday from 10am-5pm. Adults £3, children £1.75, family (two adults and two children) £7.

JANE BIDDER

In Monaco, **Ruth Gledhill** discovers that sun worship competes with God worship

AT YOUR SERVICE



The Rev Trevor Sharpus-Jones greets Heidi Schmidt



LOOKING from an elevated position down to the sparkling blue sea, streaked with the wakes of power boats, and a seductive array of glittering hotels and apartments beneath us, I only just resisted the temptation to abandon the service for the beach. We were in Monte Carlo for celebrations to mark the end of a fundraising treasure hunt for London's Chemical Dependency Centre, a charity which helps people with drug and alcohol problems.

Church is not a priority for most visitors to the 0.73 square mile Roman Catholic principality of Monaco, where sun worship competes with God worship and the temperature in summer hits the mid-80s before lunch. The chaplain, Trevor Sharpus-Jones, explained that St Paul's Church of England is not allowed to proselytise, although notices of service times can be placed in hotels. Many of the 50-plus congregation live in Monte Carlo, married to French or Monégasque citizens. Of 120 people on the church's electoral roll, about 80 are English.

Sara Megginson, the Italian wife of churchwarden Frank, who works in the shipping industry and doubles up as an altar server, handed me a hymn book and service sheet as I went in. She advised me to sit beneath the pulpit, where a small fan battled ineffectually against the heat. Mr Sharpus-Jones, 73, piloted us with speed and precision through the liturgy, while his wife Ann read the epistle. He wore a white cassock alb and stole, but forsook his chasuble because of the heat.

The Church of England has had a ministry on the continent for more than 150 years, but St Paul's is now part of the church's 44th diocese, Gibraltar in Europe, founded in 1980 out of two earlier jurisdictions. It takes in the whole of the continent from Norway to Russia and Greece to the Azores. The diocese, which has a reputation for traditionalism, employs about 120 full-time priests, although nearly all the chaplaincies are financially self-supporting.

Signs of Anglo-Catholicism abound. The sacrament is continually reserved in a small Lady chapel off the sanctuary. Pictures behind the altar depict the "Instruments of Passion", symbols of the crucifixion. It seemed like God's little joke that, in the millionaires' playground of Monaco, the markings on the dice used to gamble for Christ's robe should have been painted incorrectly.

Before and after the service we drank coffee and orange juice in the library below, overlooked by a bust of Baroness Orczy, author of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, who helped to found the library.

Our service began with "Come, let us join our cheeful songs", our voices becoming weaker as the heat rose. I chose to recline in silence, letting the organ do the work, basking in wave after wave of its thunderous roll.

Afterwards, I met glamorous and tanned opera singer Heidi Schmidt, a Lutheran from Indiana, who said she was visiting friends. She had wanted to attend church, despite the lure of the beach. "I am religious. I am a very spiritual person. I go to the beach but I put church first.

"There is a lot of money being used for other things here. People can come here every Sunday and focus on the spiritual. This Monaco is a carnal pleasure zone. I love it, there are wonderful people here. But it is nice that this church can exist here also. It brings a bit of humility to the place."

Sunday services: 8am Communion, 9.30am family Communion, except the fifth Sunday of the month, 11am sung Eucharist.

St Paul's Church, 22 Avenue de Grande Bretagne, Monte Carlo, Monaco (010 3393 307106).

CHAPLAIN: The Rev Trevor Sharpus-Jones

ARCHITECTURE: Small, pretty cliffside church dedicated in 1925, in an older, faded quarter of Monte Carlo. Duck-egg blue inside, with attractive stained glass, white ceiling and marble altar rail. ★★★

SERMON: The chaplain, reading at high speed from notes, delivered the shortest, fastest sermon I have ever heard. ★★

LITURGY: Sung Eucharist from the *1980 Alternative Service Book*'s Rite B. ★★★

MUSIC: A large, recently rebuilt Swiss two-manual organ accompanied our rather pathetic attempts to lift our voices high beneath the suffocating heat. ★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: A chance to counter sensations of social inferiority with those of spiritual smugness in a place where only the truly determined can muster the energy to go to church. ★★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: A choice of coffee, wine or orange juice in the library. ★★★

'Boil-in-bag kippers were cooked to perfection after 73 miles on the M3'



The Times meals-on-wheels test chefs Kevin Eason (left), Robin Young and Louisa Young display their culinary contributions cooked on car and motorcyle engines

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McDonald's drive-through. It does, though, open up exciting possibilities of eating good and freshly cooked hot food at any stopping place, no matter how remote it is.

Maynard, a New York photographer, and Scheller, a Massachusetts author, pioneered their car-engine cookery while participating in a *round-America* car rally in 1988. Their self-catering experiments with pre-packed packages of chicken breasts with prosciutto and provolone, fillet of flounder, whole pork tenderloin and ham steaks cooked on the big V-8 under the bonnet of their Lincoln did not win them a place in the rally ratings, but it did earn them the envy of other competitors, and provided the basis of a magazine article which later burgeoned into a book.

Manifold Destiny — The One! The Only! Guide to Cooking on Your Car Engine, published in America by Villard Books (a division of Random House) at $7.95 in 1989, remains the quintessential primer to the *haute cuisine* of the highway.

As a taster, let me just mention that the recipes in *Manifold Destiny* include Cutlass Cod Supreme, Hyundai Halibut with Fennel, a veal dedicated to Enzo Ferrari, and a preparation called Eggs in Purgatory, which the authors suggest might best be made in washed-out cat-food tins. There is also a Cajun-cookery variant called Blackened Roadfish. You have the flavour of it.

Sadly, despite a high-octane reception among the most studious of British foodies, the book remains a rarity, regularly sought after in specialist bookshops such as Books for Cooks, Cooks' Books and Food for Thought, and in the mail-order catalogues of such specialists as Janet Clarke, of Freshford near Bath, Avon, and Tom Jackson, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire. None had a spare copy to hand when I was seeking one for the purposes of *this article*.

The British diplomat and ichthyologist turned gastronomic guru, Alan Davidson, had, however, given *Manifold Destiny* a rapturous reception in a 1989 number of his foodie journal *Petits Propos Culinaire*. He boldly declared it "THE BOOK OF THE YEAR" (his caps), and took an illustration of a chef's eye view of a car engine from it to use as his magazine's cover. This was rather as if *Playboy* had chosen to feature a centrefold of a horse, yet still scarcely anyone noticed.

In his review of the book, Mr Davidson demanded a British edition, which, he suggested, would need *a conversion table to translate* cooking instructions from the American freeways with their 55mph speed limits to conditions prevailing in Britain, where widely ignored speed limits alternate with proliferating traffic cones, contra-flow systems, traffic jams and gridlocks. The British edition, he also suspected, might have to carry a warning: "Not for use in central London."

No British edition ever appeared, of course, and it was *Mr Davidson's own* treasured copy of *Manifold Destiny* that I eventually had to borrow, before obtaining my own copy from the American publishers.

Mr Davidson's subscribers far from central London, meanwhile, had pursued the Maynard-Scheller school of mobile cookery with some success: *Petits Propos Culinaire 39*, published in December 1991, carried a detailed report from Rose Arnold of experiments conducted by a team of drivers in Scotland, who could claim to be the first to extend in-car cookery to the motorcycle.

Their successful recipes included Quartet of Quail Harley Cooked, achieved by balancing the birds between the cylinder fins and exhaust balance pipe on a 130-mile ride astride a Harley Davidson. They also described Salmon Tamworth Perry-Smith, which modifies a Jane Grigson recipe by substituting triple-wrapped foil for pastry, and Scimitar Spiced Pork, prepared on the *exhaust manifolds of a* Ford 2.8 litre V-6 engine with a reduced size air filter making room for the food.

Keith Floyd would not have been Floyd if he, too, had not taken a drive at it. His recipe for Carpetbag Steak *à la Toyota* appears on page 209 of *Floyd on Oz*, though he does not reveal there what those who saw the relevant television series seem to recall: that he ended up feeding the results to a passing dog.

My own efforts with car cookery clearly indicate that it is still far from being an exact science. The variations in microwave ovens, which cookery instruction writers give warnings about, are as nothing to the vagaries of car-engine design, which have evidently progressed for years without any serious thought being given to the unit's secondary roles as oven, hob and griddle.

There also just had to be a better vehicle to cook with than my Citroën BX, in which the cylinder heads are obscured by a super-abundance of intrusive hoses, plumbing and wiring, and in which the exhaust manifold drops straight from the back of the engine, overhanging an all too ready exit to the road.

Of my early experimental bacon chops in honey and mustard marinade I could find no trace on arrival at my destination in Hampshire, yet *when I had reversed away and* taken a further afternoon drive around the local countryside, I found them on my return lying in a slightly oily package on the driveway.

I found, though, that it was possible to do up to six small, foil-wrapped parcels at a time, either small and round, or long and thin. Sweet peppers, tomatoes, potatoes (which took for ever), bits of aubergine, apples, burgers and rissoles fit the first category: pork tenderloins, mackerel, herrings, trout and sausages the second.

The favoured method of cookery is the French system known as *en paupiette* (in-a-bag): there are classic recipes for veal, poultry and fish in all the best books. Do not expect *to boil anything: if your engine* is boiling you will have to stop anyway. You can, though, bake, braise, pot-roast, stew or casserole. Even a cool-running diesel engine will wilt spinach and poach fish.

The best dishes to choose when you have a long journey ahead are those which cook slowly and require no precision in their timing. For short journeys on most vehicles only fish, minutely diced vegetables and finely sliced meats can be expected to be ready in time.

Maynard and Scheller correctly advocate that everything should be triple-wrapped in foil. I tried baking parchment instead, but that chars alarmingly in contact with really hot metal. Rather than risk turning *mine into an external* combustion engine I abandoned the experiment and threw the contents away.

Even with foil you must be careful not to foul any sharp edges when putting the packages in place. Any holes can lead to serious loss of sauce, which only smells nice at first.

Do not feel obliged to use washed-out cat-food tins, useful though they may be. The plastic or foil trays in which supermarket ready-meals are sold for cooking at home can be satisfactorily recycled if you are lucky enough to have an engine they will fit. Anything that can stand on a baking tray in a conventional oven can also go, foil-wrapped if need be, into a car engine housing.

Boil-in-bag kippers (again foil-wrapped for extra protection) were cooked to perfection after 73 Citroën miles down the M3, while a *magret de canard* was still rosy after a round trip of 180 miles on the A12.

Road-testing a new Porsche, *The Times* motoring correspondent, Kevin Eason, made light work of *Manifold Destiny*'s recipe for Provolone Porsche Potatoes, for which the recommended distance was 55 miles.

My colleagues, Clare Brennan and Louisa Young, prepared breakfast (eggs, bacon and tomato) in the interstices of a Kawasaki Zephyr motorbike, though a little more *mileage* would have added to its palatability.

We really hit the jackpot, though, when Eason landed a trial of a Jaguar XJS 6-litre V-12. With its exhaust manifolds banked flat under the bonnet like ready-made hot plates, this has to be the nearest thing to a professional chef's six-hob gas stove that it is legal to drive down a motorway. It generates so much heat that its cooling fan roars like other people's air-conditioning after even the shortest drive, so what you are getting is a fan-assisted, fast-accelerating oven of world-beating class. Its *cooking mileages were about* one twenty-fifth of those required on the Citroën and, suddenly, flash-fry steaks and seared tuna became a doddle.

For those with less conveniently laid out cooker-cars, packages can be wired in place to avoid irretrievable losses at high speed. One difficulty is that the heat of the wire and the engine block make turning the food during cookery a blistering business. Another is that if you want to see how lunch is coming along you almost inevitably have to rewrap it in fresh foil before proceeding if it is not ready to eat when first opened.

You can satisfactorily brown your sausages, chops and fish fillets on one side by *strapping them to the exhaust* pipe, manifold or cylinder heads. The more exposed hot metal your engine provides the more successful you will be, and the XJS only costs £59,000, so think about it.

The *batterie de cuisine* to be added to your list of car spares, whatever vehicle you choose, might include rolls of foil, a plastic cutting board, a couple of sharp knives, a mixing bowl and spoon, a measuring cup, pounding mallet, cooking tongs, salt, pepper and assorted spices, a plastic squeeze bottle with some fresh cooking oil, a can opener, oven mitts, a chef's apron and, of course, cutlery and plates.

For safety's sake *please* take great care not to let your *cookery parcels impede or* obstruct the accelerator cable or any other moving part of the engine. It is *not* recommended to use your car engine fan as a food processor for slicing carrots. And do puncture any cans you plan to heat with two vents before doing so, lest they explode.

Bonne route et bon appetit!

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Hamper basket by Optima, Blackwatch tartan wool throw by *Early's of Witney (0483 258888)*



First shoot your grouse . . . you may not need a kitchen if you're driving home

WITH the start of the grouse season yesterday, this seems an opportune time to indulge *in Grouse à la moteur.*

Preparation: first shoot, purchase or de-can your grouse. Bony little birds are just the sort of thing to penetrate your cooking foil and abort the dinner, so separate them into conveniently sized parts for your engine-layout. Brush with oil (sweet cooking oil, not Castrol), season with freshly ground black pepper and sea salt; dress, if desired, with blobs of cranberry sauce, rowan jelly or similar, and wad *each section carefully with* crinkled foil before triple wrapping into balls, cubes or other shapes of appropriate size for the engine orifices.

Accompaniments: these can be cooked in separate packs and include safe-at-any-distance bread sauce, oil-steeped breadcrumbs, and green vegetables, such as french beans, brussels sprouts or peas, which should be added to the engine at the last pit stop. It is permissible to substitute Kettle *Chips potato crisps for the* traditional game chips.

Method: place prepared ingredients on engine, drive from moors, or other source of grouse (Harrods, Safeway), to home of your furthest-flung friend. If not cooked on arrival, ask to be fed, then return home and eat grouse there.

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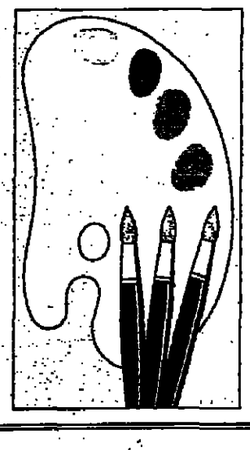


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Pauline Hallam Award winner



In June, Weekend launched a new award to encourage artists. Sponsored by *The Times* and the French Government Tourist Office, the award commemorates the life and work of Pauline Hallam, the former director of press and public relations at the French Tourism Office in London, who died in September 1992.

During her 30 years at the tourist office, Mrs Hallam worked to strengthen the ties between Britain and France. This award celebrates her achievements and continues her aims. With this in mind, entrants were asked to submit a painting or drawing representative of France and a 250-word description of the scene or subject, preferably on the theme of a holiday.

The quality of the response has been extraordinary. More than 250 people took up the challenge and sent in works ranging from oils on canvas, to charcoal sketches on paper.

The judges were overwhelmed by the standards of craftsmanship, artistry and imagination displayed when they assembled on Friday, August 6, to decide the winner.

After lengthy deliberations, Richard Cork (*The Times* art critic), Madame Edwige Girardin (Cultural Attaché to the French Embassy) and Jane Owen (editor of Weekend) agreed that the first prize should be awarded to a picture evoking peaceful, lazy afternoons in France by Dorothy Ann Ambler of London. She wins a one-week holiday for two anywhere in France, travelling with Air France.

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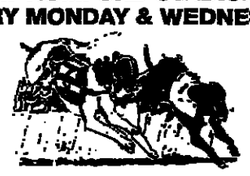
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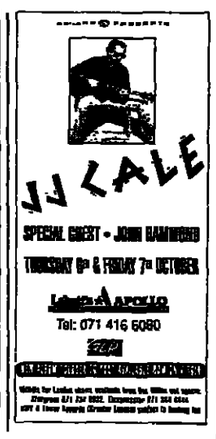
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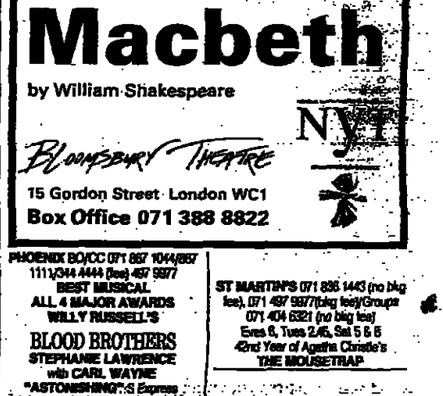
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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE: **Kate Bassett** tips this year's hot favourites for fame

It's written in their stars

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Age: 24
Role: Director/deviser
The project: *Linnaeus — Prince of Flowers*: a carnivalesque promenade following the life of an 18th-century Scandinavian botanist who said plants were sexed and tied them down with classifications. The event involves 80-plus performers — including a Ugandan orchestra — in the specially opened Royal Botanic Garden.
Previous adventures: Gough directed the award-winning *Klytemnestra's Bairns*, a Scots version of *The Oresteia*, which enticed audiences on Carlton Hill last year.
On the cards: At Traquair, the ancient Royal House, a staging of *Macbeth* will blur with a conference on power and democracy.
Not so good: Gough was behind F.E.A.S.T., the international venue that folded mid-festival in 1993.
His style: Working collectively and across borders, geographically and artistically. He lives out of a rucksack.
His characteristics: "Insomniac, excitable, driven."
On the Festival: "It's brilliant. But it's a wrestling match."

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Age: 22
Role: Director/producer. Born in Ireland, based in Glasgow.
The Show: An adaptation of Françoise Sagan's *Bonjour Tristesse* (at Theatre Workshop) with French and British actors, sculptures and an electric cellist. It sold out at Mayfest.
Growth: She wanted to be an actress at five; performed professionally at 12; and became a dedicated member of the Ulster Youth Theatre where Kenneth Branagh popped in to teach: a helpful contact. He has since financially contributed to Theatre Cryptic which she founded. Her production of *Lovers* sold out at Edinburgh in 1992.
Her style: Aesthetic, combining the arts. Sensual and simple. A mini Katie Mitchell?
Her characteristics: Staggeringly efficient, raising £38,000 for Theatre Cryptic — "I'm very determined, hugely energetic and sleep very little."
On the Festival: "A wonderful opportunity to show work and take risks."

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Age: 32
Role: Theatre designer and manager of Stilt Productions, her own venture which will turn troupes on stilts into walking advertisements. The Polish team coming over for the Festival Cavalcade, tragically, have had a road accident en route in which one of them died.
More optimistically: Frere has, for an astounding £400 or so, revamped all four auditoria at the



Jane Frere, theatre designer

imperilled Demarco European Art Foundation, keeping the *ad hoc* feel. Seating includes hay bales.
Where's she been? Aged 19, intending to become an actress, she went to Greece for a fortnight, started painting, stumbled upon set design and stayed for seven years. She returned in 1989 to study at the Slade but is still torn between Greece and Britain. Theatriki Leski's *Antigoni* has won a Unesco Award.
Her design style: Integrated not imposed. Economic, powerful and symbolic use of colour. A dream-like quality.
On the Festival: "The amount of stand-up and lack of content is alarming."

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Age: 32
Born: Mastroianni. Essentially Welsh.
Career: From despondent student biochemist (in Cardiff), to restaurant manager (in Los Angeles), to actor to a director/producer (back in Britain).
His Edinburgh input: He's playing 69 characters in *Under Milk Wood*, directed by Mr "One Man Show" George Dillon. The Assembly Rooms invited the show in. Masterson is also directing *Playing Burton*, a solo show about Richard Burton (né Jenkins), narrator of Dylan Thomas's classic 40 years ago; and Guy's great uncle.
The early years: Masterson may be glimpsed shadow-dancing in *Moonwalker*. He also arm-wrestled in Sylvester Stallone's *Over The Top*.
Characteristics: Self-assured with marketing nous.
On the Festival: "In its ideal form it's the most fantastic trade circus, but those ideals are stretched to the limits."

[redacted]

Age: 25
Role: Comic-writer/actor
Appearance: Impossibly gangly, with geeky spectacles.
Where he can be sighted: The Pleasance, in his new solo show *Electricity: The Caged Pony*, all bogus family trees and preposterous anthropological slides.
And before this? At the same venue in 1993, transferring to London's BAC (Battersea Arts Centre), he presented *It Takes Forever If You Go By Inertia*.
He's also been: Crankily amusing over the closing credits of BBC2's *Big Science*. He writes humorous columns for *The Guardian* and has a series, *Elastic Planet*, due to go out on Radio 4.
Style: Physically cartoony but his scripts are also word-relishers. He's not technically perfect yet but is intriguingly oddball.
Where does he fit? In unexpected corners. He might write a novel. He'd be wizard in high-tech TV



Impossibly gangly Ben Moor, in *Electricity: The Caged Pony*

hyperspace or spinning yarns.
On the Festival: "The best thing," he says, "is seeing other performers."

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Age: 24
Role: Theatre director, programmer for the Pleasance.
Career: He had a learning experience at the Edinburgh Festival while a student. The break came in 1993 with *Othello*, where the lead was played by a woman and Desdemona was male. He is set to become associate director of the Pleasance, London, when it opens.
For Edinburgh 1994? Grindley directs a new play, *Babel*, in a futuristic cum medieval world.
How will this go down? If there's any worry it's the "second show syndrome", Grindley believes, "especially since *Babel* isn't what people expect to follow *Othello*."
His nature: "I think I'm dedicated and enthusiastic. Theatre excites me. A workaholic, yes, but I don't take things too seriously."
What about all the stand-up? "Comedy is programmed to subsidise the theatre."

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RICHARD MORRISON

We make an annual pilgrimage to Newlyn, Cornwall. Intention: to escape media people. So what do we find this summer? Film crews on the quay where the crates of haddock should be.

We hesitate to enter a pub for fear of encountering a flak-jacketed Kate Adie grimly expounding the doctrine of EU fishing-net regulations. And suddenly all the restaurants are serving fresh tuna. Patrons and staff unite in a hymn of praise to this hitherto innocuous fish. As good as caviar, they declare. Well worth all the trouble. To me, it still tastes like the stuff you eat out of a tin when there is nothing else in the larder. But I decide not to voice this minority opinion.

Desperate to escape the tuna talk, we walk to the next port along. Mousehole has the best male-voice choir in Cornwall, the finest Christmas lights in Britain, and no journalists. Or tuna. Perfect.

Not quite. There are strange echoes, even here, of fishy matters. A sombre plaque reminds us that the village's oldest house — a superb 14th-century stone cottage called Keigwin — is titled thus because it belonged to Squire Jenkyn Keigwin. He was killed 400 years ago while defending his home against Spanish marauders who set fire to Mousehole. It seems that disputes between Cornishmen and Spaniards pre-date even EU regulations.

Luckily, Cornwall in August is a riot of cultural life: you really don't have to talk about fish if you don't want to. What's more, it's all wonderfully incongruous. At the open-air Minack Theatre on the Porthcurno cliffs an ebullient company from Florida is storming through Bernstein's *On The Town*. "Noo York, Noo Yoooork! It's a helluva town," the actors roar, and circling gulls add a shrill chorus of approval.

Over in St Ives, a rainy afternoon brings shell-suited holidaymakers pouring into the new Tate Gallery. The crowd is far bigger than this stunning but comparatively small building can comfortably hold. Thirty people throng in some puzzlement round one of Dame Barbara Hepworth's more elusive exercises. But the atmosphere is curious, not hostile. This "gallery for the surfing classes", as one London critic snootily described it, may yet prove to be the ideal missionary for modern art.

And finally to Helston, where the Flambards Theme Park has an exciting new attraction. "Have a Go at Driving a Nuclear Reactor!" proclaims an alarming poster. Gosh, I've heard of dangerous fairground rides, but isn't there an EU regulation prohibiting people under the age of puberty from driving nuclear machinery?

On closer inspection, the contraption appears to consist of a lot of ping-pong balls bobbling around inside a jar. Thank goodness. With irate fishermen around — to say nothing of the tuna, who must be pretty fed up too — one doesn't want nuclear secrets freely available at fairgrounds. Heaven knows what damage could be inflicted on Mousehole this time round.

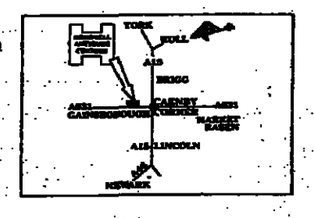
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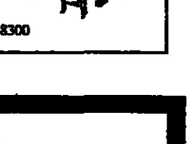
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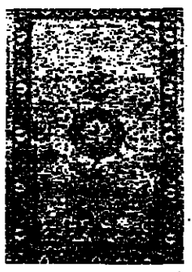
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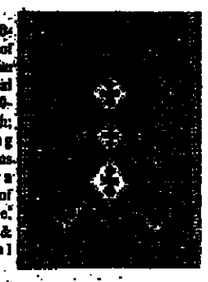
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☐ **Arcadia**, Haymarket (071-930 8800). ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044). ☐ **Buddy** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). ☐ **The Canterbury Tales**, Garrick (071-494 5040). ■ **Cats** New London (071-405 0072) ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ◪ **Dead Funny**: Vaudeville (071-836 9987) ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045). ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) ☐ **Home**: Wyndham's (071-867 1116) ◪ **Hot Shoe Shuffle**: Queens (071-494 5040). ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404). ■ **Les Misérables**, Palace (071-434 0909). ■ **Miss Saigon**, Theatre Royal (071-494 5400). ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443). ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400). ◪ **Starlight Express**, Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665). ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055). ☐ **Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BABY'S DAY OUT** (PG) Wandering baby tries its kidnappers' patience. Stale, lazy comedy from the "Home Alone" stable, with Joe Mantegna and Lara Flynn Boyle. Director Patrick Read Johnson
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096)
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **TRUE LIES** (15)' Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown summer fun with Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, James Cameron.
Empire ◪ (0800 888911) ◪ **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

BAD GIRLS Four prostitutes fight for their rights in sexist Western with Madeleine Stowe, Andie MacDowell, Mary Stuart Masterson and Drew Barrymore. Director, Jonathan Kaplan.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES** (PG) Silly, acceptable big-screen revival for TV's favourite hicks with Jim Varney, Lily Tomlin and Dolmich Bader. Director, Penelope Spheeris
MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031)

THE DRAUGHTSMAN'S CONTRACT (15) Sexual bargaining, deceit and murder in an English country house. Peter Greenaway's breakthrough feature, still seductive after 12 years.
Prince Charles, Sun and Wed only (071-437 8181)

◆ **THE FLINTSTONES** (U). Hollow, noisy live-action treatment of the TV cartoon set in Stone Age suburbia, with John Goodman. Brian Levant directs
Empire ◪ (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** ◪ (0800 888897) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL** (15) Mike Newell's Smart social comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell
Gate ◪ (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Ave** (071-836 6279) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

THE GETAWAY (18). Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger as thieves on the run. Strong, sexy remake of the 1972 thriller, director, Roger Donaldson.
Warner ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **GETTING EVEN WITH DAD** (PG): Macaulay Culkin reforms his wayward dad (Ted Danson). Botched family comedy, directed by Howard Deutch.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

GO FISH (18) American comedy of lesbian manners with a warm spirit and many gauche moments. Rose Troche directs an amateur cast
Metro (071-437 0757) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520)

KIKA (18) A make-up artiste's life and loves. Misogynistic, dispiriting comedy-thriller from Pedro Almodóvar with Veronica Forque and Victoria Abril
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18). Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. Director, John Dahl.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

LOVE & HUMAN REMAINS (18). Mordant tales of love, sex and serial killings. Denys Arcand directs a fresh, excellent cast, led by Thomas Gibson and Ruth Marshall
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **MAVERICK** (PG): Mel Gibson as the TV Western conman. Disappointing summer fun, with Jodie Foster and James Garner. Director, Richard Donner
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **MY GIRL 2** (PG) Anna Chlumsky's precocious girl searches for the mother she never knew. Bland sequel aimed at young teens with Austin O'Brien, Dan Aykroyd and Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Howard Zieff
MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031)

◆ **NORTH** (PG). Whimsical misfire from director Rob Reiner, with Elijah Wood as the child searching the globe for the perfect parents. Bruce Willis pops up as a guardian angel
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U)' Life and lost chances of an English butler. Merchant Ivory's coldly glamorous account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel stars Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson.
Barbican ◪ Today and Mon only (071-638 8891) **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683)

SERIAL MOM (18)' Homemaker turns corpsemaker. Mild but engaging social satire from John Waters; with Kathleen Turner and Sam Waterston.
Warner ◪ (071-437 4343)

SHORT CUTS (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

◆ **SIRENS** (15)' Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) **Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS** (U): You are never too old to enjoy the world's first feature-length cartoon. In a sparkling restored print.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

THREE COLOURS: WHITE (15) Kieślowski's marvellous comic portrait of love, revenge and Polish capitalism. With Zbigniew Zamachowski and Julie Delpy.
Gate ◪ Sun only (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

WE DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT (PG): An ageing bachelor and a charming dwarf join forces in Maria Luisa Bemberg's magical Argentine fable. With Marcello Mastroianni
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

WILD TARGET (15): Featherweight French comedy, with Jean Rochefort as a meticulous hitman unhinged by love. Director, Pierre Salvadori.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Tottenham Court Rd** (071-636 6148)

ZERO PATIENCE (18): Well-meaning but cumbersome Canadian musical debunking Aids myths from adventurous director John Greyson.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

NEW ON VIDEO: Loach warms to East-West politics; a whale cools to captivity

■ **FATHERLAND**
First Independent, 15, 1986
KEN Loach's dour 1986 film about an émigré East German singer discovering his father's past is far removed from his recent raw comedies, like *Raining Stones*. Trevor Griffith's script contains interesting thoughts about political systems East and West; but Loach's low-key treatment of some awkwardly realised characters does not make for easy viewing. With Gerulf Pannach, Fabienne Babe.

■ **FREE WILLY**
Warner, PG, 1993
A TEARAWAY kid parked with foster parents finds his soulmate — 7,000 pounds of brain, surly charm and blubber: an amusement park whale. This family film with an ecological message proves as predictable as sliced bread, though when clean movie fun is so scarce it does fill a niche. No prize for guessing the best actor: the whale, of course, styled in black and white like an art deco ornament. The director is Simon Wincer.

■ **THE CAT'S PAW**
Connoisseur, PG
A HAROLD Lloyd talkie minus physical thrills: instead the script puts Lloyd to work as a missionary's innocent son who becomes a political stooge. Echoes of Frank Capra's 1930s hits are not coincidental: the story was written by the author of *Mr Deeds Goes to Town*. A definite historical curio.

■ **LIBELEI**
Art House, U, 1933
FEW directors have caught love's sweet sorrow as sharply as Max Ophüls, and this lovely film, made in Austria in 1933, points the way to later triumphs such as *Letter from an Unknown Woman*. Schnitzler's play provided the story: a dragoon officer in 1910 falls for a musician's daughter, but a past affair with a baron's wife casts a threatening shadow. Ophüls's camera sweeps through opera houses, grand staircases, snowy landscapes: the perfect setting for doomed romance. Starring Magda Schneider (mother of Romy) and Wolfgang Liebeneiner.



Gerulf Pannach as East German political singer/songwriter Klaus Drittemann in Ken Loach's *Fatherland*

■ **A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC**
IMC, PG, 1977
A SONDHEIM musical that should dance in waltz time with bitter-sweet gaiety clomps about the screen in hobnailed boots. Elizabeth Taylor's inadequate performance is partly to blame, and Broadway maestro Harold Prince seems at a loss to know where to aim his camera. Pretty photography, though. Filmed in Austria in 1977.

■ **LES VISITEURS**
Arrow, 15
FRANCE's biggest ever box-office success begins with a promising notion. Then once the 12th-century knight and his vassal are thrust into the modern world, satirical jokes about French society get swamped by crude slapstick. Most of the cast pull faces, but Valerie Lemercier offers a spirited lampoon of the haute bourgeoisie, while Jean Reno's knight has a certain deadpan charm. The director is Jean-Marc Poiré.

■ **WAYNE'S WORLD 2**
CIC, PG, 1993
LAST week *Woodstock*, this week Waynestock: a mammoth rock concert mounted by the goofy lads who turned the word "Not!" into a high point of modern comedy. The second movie vehicle for Mike Myers and Dana Carvey is silly and disorganised. But be grateful for small mercies: there is no violence, no malice either, and nothing lasts too long. The director is Stephen Surjik.

GEOFF BROWN

Home sweet home computer

Computers are finally being designed as domestic appliances, not offshoots of the office

It's easy to be cynical about the brave new world of consumer electronics, especially when catalogues full of the latest solar-powered backscratchers and similar junk come through the door. When I look at the vast difference everything from compact discs to home computers has already made to my life, I find it easier to believe in. For many people, though, the burgeoning of home electronics promises not so much a silicon-smooth glide up the information superhighway, as an ever-increasing clutter of gadgetry — and I have to admit there is an element of truth in that.

One problem is that so many of the new developments use overlapping technology. For example, a television and a home computer both use video screens. The computer's CD-Rom drive — becoming practically a standard feature — duplicates an ordinary CD player, and will soon do the same with video CD players. Or take the fax, that indispensable liberator for the home worker: it overlaps with the phone, the answering machine and, of course, the computer again. In fact, by installing a fax-modem circuit card in your PC you can send fax messages that haven't touched paper. All of these devices rely on microprocessor control, much of which a PC could handle in passing. They all have their own power systems, which often take up more space in their casings than the actual device. Two or three devices can add up to a lot of redundancy, and unnecessary consumption of power and space. It's not uncommon, especially in small business or home offices, to see computer, fax and answering machine crowding each other off the desk. Add a portable CD player and you've nowhere to put your coffee cup. So why not drop the redundant parts, and combine the rest?

FUTURE VISIONS

It's a fair question, and the manufacturers have already asked it for us. After all, most of them, from Philips in Europe to Sony and the Japanese giants, already make all the individual devices. And they feel the bias of the computer market is shifting, out of the corporate sector and into our homes. The machines once ranged in uniform shades of beige along corporate desks are increasingly turning up in our spare rooms — bought not just for children or anorak-clad hackers, but as an essential tool of everyday life. This is causing many manufacturers to reassess their whole philosophy, and they are preparing new computers that are *really* designed for the home, incorporating a whole cluster of other useful gadgets.

First off the mark is Packard-Bell, which has risen to become one of the largest independent American PC suppliers by catering chiefly for home and small business users. The new machine it has just announced, enigmatically named the Spectria, is basically a straightforward IBM-compatible PC with multimedia equipment — a CD-Rom drive, sound-card and integral speakers.

But within its quite reasonably sized case you can also fit a series of add-ons — radio, television, CD stereo, paperless fax and phone answering system, all under the computer's control. You choose whichever facilities you want. It will also come with a mighty bundle of CD-Rom software, and Packard-Bell's own Navigator 2.0 interface, which it claims will be much easier to use than Windows.

It all sounds very promising, especially if the prices are as competitive as predicted. Machines become available here in the autumn, and I hope to have a closer look at one then. But one minor feature is already significant.

The Spectria is being given a deliberately "stylish" look. It is abandoning IBM's boring old olive-beige — adopted in order to meet American military specifications — in favour of a "wave patterned" grey to which you can add a choice of coloured and textured decor panels.

A simple enough thing, and the aesthetics are, well, personal (the initial colours will be teal, azure and sahara), but the psychological gulf it bridges is immense.

It says that the computer is no longer some office escapee, but as genuinely domestic a device as dishwasher or fridge — not an intrusion or a clutter, but an essential.

MICHAEL SCOTT ROHAN

Join the actors letting their hair down in Leicester Square next week – and sign up with the Theatre Club for only £10

Wild deeds in the West End

THE TIMES
THE THEATRE CLUB

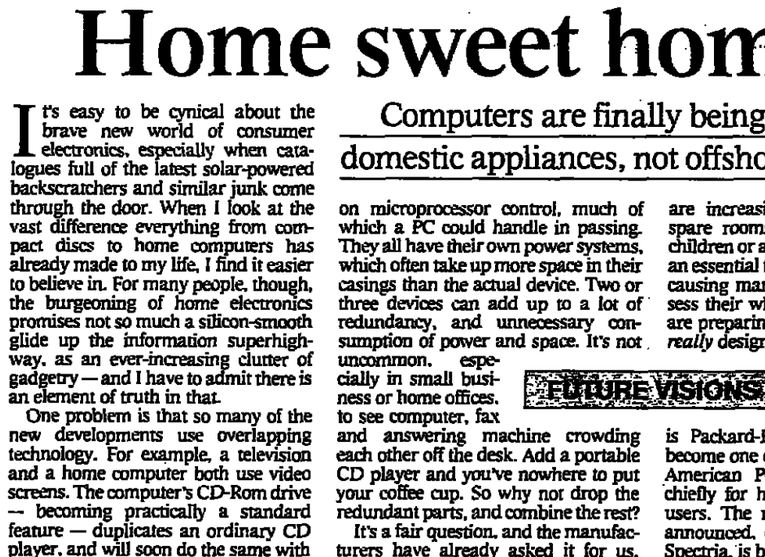
THE Theatre Club will be in Leicester Square next Saturday morning as stars from many of London's biggest shows take part in Theatreland's Fair on the Square, a theatrical extravaganza presented by the Society of London Theatre in aid of Crusaid, the Combined Theatrical Charities and the Theatre Investment Fund. Starting at 10.30am, events will include Nicholas Parsons conducting a performance of the game show *Just A Minute*, the explosive talents of the Flying Karamazov Brothers and a cabaret hosted by John Barrowman, star of *Sunset Boulevard*, and featuring 100 West End actors.

The highlight will doubtless be the third Theatreland Bedrace, in which costumed stars from more than a dozen West End shows will hurtle through Leicester Square on their four-wheeled stallions. The Theatre Club will have its own stall, signing up new members at a reduced price of £10, and offering the chance to win a magnificent prize. The club will donate £2.50 to the charities for every new member joining at the fair

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

LONDON
Globe Theatre
Aug 24
● FOLLOWING the success last year of Terence Rattigan's *The Deep Blue Sea* and *Separate Tables*, producer Bill Kenwright has revived the author's emotional tour de force, *The Winslow Boy*, and Theatre Club members are invited to join the stars in the audience on the first night. Based on a true story that became a public and parliamentary scandal, the play stars Peter Barkworth as the father of a young cadet who is expelled from naval college on a charge of stealing a ten-shilling postal order. He determines to prove the boy's innocence, regardless of the cost to himself or his family. Simon Williams is the lawyer who fights the case to the bitter end. This will be the last play in the Globe Theatre before it is renamed the Gielgud Theatre in time for Sir Peter Hall's new production of *Hamlet* in November. Tickets are £10. Tel 071-494 5065

GLASGOW
Citizen's Theatre
Aug 23, 24
● JOHN McGrath, winner of a Bafta Writer's Award, has adapted Neil Gunn's novel *The Silver Darlings* for theatre. The play is a fascinating and sensitive evocation of the lives of the herring fishers of northern Scotland, and their unyielding courage in the face of oppression. Club members can buy two tickets for the price of one (normal price £6). Tel 041-429 0022



Simon Williams (right) as the barrister who defends a naval cadet accused of stealing a postal order in Terence Rattigan's powerful *The Winslow Boy* — see London listing

HARROGATE
Harrogate Theatre
Sep 9
● Based on Shakespeare's *A Comedy of Errors*, Rodgers and Hart's classic musical *The Boys from Syracuse* is a dazzling, confusing, comic riot of music and mistaken identities. Theatre Club members can buy two tickets for the price of one (normally £6.50 to £11.50) and will receive a free programme as well as being invited to attend a pre-show talk given by the director. Tel 0423 502116

NORTHAMPTON
Royal Theatre
Aug 26-Sep 1
● FIONA Fullerton and Nigel Davenport star in William Somerset Maugham's sparkling comedy, *The Constant Wife*. Constance is an elegant lady of means saddled with an unfaithful husband. What should she do — exact retribution or turn his deceit to her advantage? Theatre Club members can buy two tickets for the price of one (normal ticket prices £7.25 to £9.75). Tel 0604 32533

EXETER
Northcott Theatre
Aug 19
● NOEL Coward's *Hay Fever* contains some of the best examples of Coward's biting wit and acidic humour. As a source of stunningly rude putdowns to use in "polite" conversation, the play is unparalleled. Club members can save £2 on tickets (normally £9, £10.50). Tel 0392 54853

To Book for any of this week's special offers telephone the listed number during normal office hours. Unless specified otherwise, Theatre Club members are entitled to buy two tickets for any or all of the offers published each week. The price printed on the ticket you receive is the special price negotiated on members' behalf by the Theatre Club. In some cases there may be a transaction charge to cover postage.

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RECORDINGS: Harry's musical homecoming; Kazakevich's secret revealed; budget-priced Tchaikovsky; Orbital lands

Connick lets the mood swing

DENZIL McKELLANCE



Harry Connick Jr: "The album is straight-ahead fun. The thing about it is the musicians. If you have good players, the songs get funky"

To anyone even vaguely familiar with popular music, the name Preservation Hall means only one thing: traditional New Orleans jazz. On the city's rhythm and blues circuit, the club which is known as Tipitina's occupies a similar, if not quite so exalted, niche. A former stable and gambling hall well away from the neon-lit streets of the French Quarter, the venue once served as a regular haunt of Professor Longhair, among the greatest of all Crescent City pianists.

The professor's face looked down benignly from a banner hanging above the dance floor as Harry Connick Jr, local boy made good, unveiled his new group in a showcase performance.

Gone were the trademark swing orchestra, tuxedo and featherweight swing beat. Instead, wearing jeans and T-shirt, the singer-pianist led a tightly drilled R&B band as it stomped through a rumbustious set from his new album, *She*, released on Monday.

Does this mean, then, that he has irrevocably turned his back on jazz? Hostile critics, who have always seemed determined to condemn him for the twin misdemeanours of having a mass following and a short haircut, will no doubt use the disc as evidence that he was never seriously committed to the art in the first place. Yet, while *She* may not be as visceral and earthy as vintage Dr John (one of Connick's prime influences), it is a mature achievement none the less.

The truth is that the album represents a homecoming of sorts. Far from leaping on to any bandwagon, Connick is returning to the music he played endlessly in his youth (if you can use such a word about a musician who is only in his mid-twenties). A seasoned live performer by the time he was in his teens, he frequently played at Tipitina's.

She reflects his broad musical tastes as it swings from blues and funk to slick pop and even heavy rock, the latter courtesy of Jonathan Dubose's grandstanding guitar solos. But Connick insists that this is no permanent change of direction: "No. The orchestra is the real challenge. This album is fun, straight-ahead fun. Most of the music was written in the studio. It's not complicated — the thing about it is the musicians who are playing. If you have good players, the songs get funky."

The new album closes with a tribute to one of his piano mentors, the late James Booker. Connick has acquired — unfairly I think — a reputation for arrogance, partly based on some off-the-cuff remarks made during concerts. Yet what comes across most strongly in his conversation is his clear-sighted, unaffected sense of how far he has to travel.

"I'm competent now. I've got confidence and enthusiasm, and I think I'm heading in the right direction. But jazz piano is hard stuff to play. You listen to Erroll Garner: I can sit down and do an imperson-ation, but players like him are real heavyweights. If you put me on the same piano stool with them I'd be killed. That's not to say I won't be able to do it some day — ask me what I'll be doing when I'm 46."

The same applies, he says, to his singing. As he has declared so often before, Sinatra is number one, and Vic Damone and Dick Haymes are up there too. Garner is his model as a pianist, and as an orchestrator he most admires Robert Farnon. At the mention of Farnon's name Connick forgets about the conventions of the interview and the ritual plugging of product. For now all he is thinking of is how to send Farnon one of his recent albums, in the hope of receiving some critical comment. Here, you see, is a musician who is set on learning his craft.

CLIVE DAVIS

■ **HARRY CONNICK JR**
She
Columbia 476816 ★★½

POP ALBUMS

David Toop

■ **ORBITAL**
Snivilisation
Internal TRUCD5 ★★★
ORBITAL have made a career out of music which was supposed to be faceless and transitory. A recent appearance at Glastonbury proved that this *kind of complex, textured* techno can be played in a live setting and not only compete with the guitar heroes but look and sound good on television.

Orbital are finding ways to connect electronic sound with emotional engagement and that elusive human feel. Their earlier albums used atmospheres effectively, but here the sound has become hectic, crowded and confrontational.

Two tracks use singing, even. Wending a leisurely way



Orbital: textured techno

to Alison Goldfrapp's vocal, "Sad But True" could be an introduction so absorbed in its own elaborations that it forgets to develop into a conventionally structured song. Some of the vocal samples could have been less obvious, but with so many ideas at their disposal Orbital can be forgiven the occasional lapse.

■ **PRINCE**
Come
WEA 9632 457 002 ★★★
■ **VARIOUS**
1-800 New Funk
NPG 0060512 NPG ★
BY changing his name to an unpronounceable sign and expressing discontent with a contractual situation that most mortals would consider a direct gift from heaven, the man once called Prince has turned himself into a figure of fun.

This may heighten the celebrity status of the man, but it serves also to conceal the talent of the musician.

Come and *1-800 New Funk* offer a convenient exercise in compare and contrast, the former being old-style and old-name, while the latter is a collection of songs that WEA presumably rejected. Unfortunately for the unpronounceable sign, the judgment that can be drawn is inconclusive.

1-800 is a consummately professional yet uninspiring selection of tracks made by Paisley Park luminaries. George Clinton and Mavis Staples have peerless reputations but these contributions add nothing to their stories. Marvin Gaye's daughter, Nona, delivers a slick performance and Madhouse and The NPG prove what superb musicians they are. All rather dull, really.

The old new album, *Come*, is a different story. Admittedly, the prospect of more pornographic funk from Prince is as stimulating as a party political broadcast. The surprise, then, is that these are the most inventive and melodic tracks that he has produced for years. The lyrics may be absurd, and some listeners will find them offensive, but the arrangements are sublime and for the first time in a long time, Prince sounds involved with his own work.

"Deh vieni" before Figaro's misogynous outburst "Aprite un po'". It makes some dramatic sense, except that Alison Hagley sings her aria with such moonlit enchantment that Figaro would have been as touched as the rest of us, momentarily at least.

The Almavivas are less sharply drawn. Hillevi Martinpelto's Countess is a bit short on vocal weight, although she combines well with Hagley in the "Sull'aria" duet, where their voices are virtually interchangeable. "Dove sono" is moved up towards the front of Act III. Rodney Gilfry's Count is a clever study of an aristo too frequently outwitted: he avoids all bluster, and the real anger of "Vedro mentr'io" is given over to the orchestra. Pamela Helen Stephen makes Cherubino a page in a hurry, at times breathless in leaping out of one scrape and into another. The calm is provided by those two old stagers, Carlos Feller and Francis Egerton, who must have been singing Bartolo and Basilio when some members of the cast were still in their cradles.

A fresh and very lively *Figaro*, but a word of warning. John Eliot Gardiner's rival, Nikolaus Harnoncourt, has a new *Figaro*, with Thomas Hampson and Barbara Bonney, coming any moment now from Teldec.

POP SINGLES

David Toop

■ **CHAKA DEMUS & PLIERS**
"Gal Wine"
Mango CIDM 818/854 081-2 ★★
WITH a skipping beat and an instantly recognisable piano sample taken from the old reggae hit, "Double Barrelled", this wildly successful ragga and singing duo plunder their own back catalogue by remaking the first tune they recorded together. Light, refreshing and unerringly commercial as ever, the track also comes in the currently obligatory, barely recognisable Jungle remix. They support UB40 at Milton Keynes National Bowl today.



Chaka Demus & Pliers

■ **SOUND GARDEN**
"Black Hole Sun"
A&M 580732-2 ★★★
TAKEN from the multi-platinum-selling *Superunknown* album, this track may have a convoluted shape and slow brooding atmosphere, but Seattle's Sound Garden turn it into a compelling and strangely uplifting single that lingers in the memory.

Psychedelic overtones of The Beatles and Jimi Hendrix mix with the visceral, life-after-grunge sound of the mid-Nineties. The drama of distorted guitar chords hanging on into silence and chorus lyrics of "Black hole sun, once you come, wash away the rain" have ensured a striking video. The CD single also includes two live performances and a deconstructed re-mix of "Spoonman".

Hilary Finch

■ **RACHMANINOV/ BRAHMS/BACH**
Mikhail Kazakevich
Conifer CDCF 235 ★★
"ONE of Russia's best-kept secrets" is how they like to promote him and for once it's true. Of the floods of musicians from the CIS now filling the concert halls and recording studios of the West, Gorky-born Mikhail Kazakevich is one of the most worthy of listening time. This, his first mixed recital disc, offers an impressive curriculum vitae.

His Rachmaninov Second Piano Sonata gives a quick profile of a player of lively, spontaneous responses: a highly strung animal energy, anchored in firm fingers and strong arm power in the outer movements; and fine, translucent playing, with subtle mingling and matching of tones in the slow movement which the composer significantly designated "not fast".

Kazakevich's judgment of such fine distinctions of tempo and tone of voice gives great beauty to his four Brahms *Intermezzi*. Played in a continuous undertone, the music



Kazakevich: high energy

seems to be gradually moulded into form under his fingers. His control of the hushed dynamic of a single line in the Op 118 No 6, and his sense of fluid movement in the Op 117 No 2 lead one to expect much from his Bach.

A single Prelude and Fugue (Book 1 No 8) from *The Well-Tempered Klavier* does not disappoint. Broad and leisurely, this performance enjoys the piano's own voices and resonances to the full, and it is twinned, satisfyingly, with Honegger's *Prelude, arioso et fughetta sur le nom Bach*. Berg's Piano Sonata, lucidly and eloquently played, completes the recital.

■ **MUSSORGSKY/ TANEYEV/MEDTNER**
Piano Music
Lilya Zilberstein
DG 437 805-2 ★
NIKOLAI Medtner is often referred to as the poor man's Rachmaninov, or the Russian Brahms. His German parentage certainly seemed to contribute to more than a shadow of Schumann (more than Brahms) haunting the piano-writing of this latter-day romantic who, born as the century turned, shunned progressive theory and retreated in his imagination to pre-revolutionary Europe.

The catalogue is not exactly teeming with his music (though the pianist Hamish Milne has done him sterling service), so Lilya Zilberstein's selection from his aptly named *Forgotten melodies* is welcome. She does full justice to the complex rhythmic patterning of his "Danza festiva" and enjoys the contrast between innocence and experience in the "Canzona matinale" and "Sonata tragica" which the composer insisted be juxtaposed in performance.

Zilberstein also extremes the Scriabin-like Prelude and Fugue of Medtner's older contemporary, Sergei Taneyev. These composers provide the disc's *raison d'être*. Zilberstein's Mussorgsky *Pictures at an Exhibition* is an unremarkable performance, a purposeful but charmless stomp round the gallery.

Stephen Pettitt

■ **TAVENER: Thunder Entered Her and other choral works**
Winchester Cathedral Choir/Hill
Virgin Classics VC 5 45035 2 ★★
■ **TAVENER: Ikons (including Thunder Entered Her and other choral works)**
BBC Singers/Joly
United 88023 ★★
EARLIER in the year, when commenting on the BBC's festival, I found myself at amiable odds with the arts editor over the effectiveness of John Tavener's music. The problem is one of scale; the big pieces' unquestioning grandiosity often seems at odds with their means. The smaller choral pieces, however, use simplicity of means to achieve touching intensity. They also suit the privacy of the home (or for that matter the ritual of church service).

These two discs, which have the 17-minute "Thunder Entered Her" as well as the



Tavener: contrasts of scale

shorter "God Is With Us" in common, are both good. On the whole, however, I prefer the alluring sexlessness of the Winchester Cathedral Choir under David Hill's direction, though at low dynamics the BBC Singers and Simon Joly also achieve a feeling of purity, in pieces like the "Two Hymns to the Mother of God", "Bonia", "Song for Athene" and "The Lamb".

The Winchester Cathedral programme generally contains the more substantial pieces: "The Lament of the Mother of God", 15 minutes of slow but effective progress up the dual scales of pitch-centre and intensity; for instance, and the 11-minute "Hymns of Paradise", where bass soloist (Donald Sweeney) and six ethereal violins provide the fundamental diametric contrasts seemingly necessary in anything but Tavener's shortest works.

■ **TURNAGE: Drowned Out/Kai/Three Screaming Popes/Momentum.**
CBSO/BCMG/Rattle.
EMI CDC 5 55091 2 ★★★
THE merits of Turnage's recent Golding-inspired orchestral work, *Drowned Out* (1992-93) and the Bacon-inspired *Three Screaming Popes* (1989-90, previously released on a CD single), have already been well rehearsed by myself and others. It is good to find both of these two ambitious, thrilling works on this new full-length disc, especially given Sir Simon Rattle's full-blooded performances with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. The near-juxtaposition illustrates well Turnage's progress towards broader paragraphs, wherein his brilliant rhetoric finds, I think, deeper substance. The transition is also evident in *Kai* (1989-90), a beautifully crafted, extended chamber piece given in a beautifully shaped performance here by the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group. It was written in memory of the German cellist Kai Scheffler, a friend of the composer who died young. Here Ulrich Heinen's expressive solo cello evokes the artist's memory directly in a heavily jazz-inflected score. I had not heard the piece before; I am glad that I now have.

The disc, superbly recorded, rightly ends in celebration with *Momentum* (1990-91), a typically upfront orgy of sound, flashy and jazzy but tough, and avoiding the autopilot perpetuum mobile of many such pieces. Most of all, this music sounds fluent, immediate and natural, as though getting sound on to paper were the easiest thing in the world for Turnage.

Barry Millington

■ **TCHAIKOVSKY**
Romeo and Juliet/Capriccio Italien/Waltz and Polonaise from Eugene Onegin/1812 Overture
RPO/Simonov
Tring TRPO15 ★★
■ **SCHUBERT**
"Trout" Quintet/String Quartet in A Minor
Royal Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble/O'Hora
Tring TRPO16 ★★★
THE argument about CD prices refuses to go away; meanwhile more and more budget-price issues flood the market. I recently wrote about



Simonov: popular classics

the Naxos "White Label", which endeavours to provide a recording of every major work in the repertoire.

Tring's Royal Philharmonic Collection, priced even lower (£3.99 for CDs, £2.99 for cassettes), is different. The idea is to produce some 125 recordings over two years, all using the combined forces of the Royal Philharmonic.

The advertising pitch, that it makes available "some of the finest and most popular classical music" at this price, is code for the unashamedly downmarket aspirations of the series. The first ten discs have been available for some months already, complete with a Sampler Album which gives a fair idea of their contents: the Prelude to Act III of *Lohengrin* (from a disc of bleeding Wagnerian chunks conducted by Vernon Handley); the Largo from Dvořák's "New World" Symphony (no mere routine performance, this, from Paavo Järvi); an extract from Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G Minor (stylishly conducted by Jane Glover); the slow movement from Beethoven's "Pastoral" (sounding rather stodgy under Mark Ermler); not forgetting Holst's *Planets*, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, music from *Carmen*, and, inevitably, Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*.

The second batch of seven discs, now released, includes no fewer than three devoted to Tchaikovsky: the "Pathétique" Symphony and Violin Concerto (both under Yehudi Menuhin) and a popular programme under Yuri Simonov. The *Romeo and Juliet* overture — with the love music sounding turgid and the structural joints creaking elsewhere — is less than a complete success, but the lighter *Capriccio Italien* works better and there is a virile, no-nonsense *1812 Overture* to end.

For the more discriminating collector there is a characteristically clean-limbed Berlioz *Symphonie fantastique* from Charles Mackerras. But the pick of the bunch is a delightful disc of two Schubert chamber works, the "Trout" Quintet and the A Minor String Quartet, played by the Royal Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble, led by Jonathan Carney, with Ronan O'Hora on the piano.

The "Trout" is given a sunny performance, full of lightness and grace, and *catching all the nuances of* phrasing. The quartet is also a high-quality performance, sensitive to the emotional inflections and the passions that lurk beneath the calm surface.

OPERA

John Higgins

■ **MOZART: Le nozze di Figaro. Hagley/ Martinpelto/Stephen/ Gilfry/Terfel.**
English Baroque Soloist/ Gardiner
Archiv 439 871-2 (3 CDs) ★★
JOHN Eliot Gardiner shows no sign of deviating from his highly individual way with Mozart's operas. In the principal roles he goes for singers still close to the beginning of their careers while choosing to fill some of the supporting parts with veterans — many conductors prefer it the other way round. Period instruments are obligatory and the recordings are based on a couple of live performances in the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Everything is feather-light and generally speedy. There are no menacing rumbles of revolutionary tumbrils in Gardiner's *Figaro* but instead the cut and thrust of human resourcefulness. He goes for an atmosphere of "half-the-



Gardiner: fresh and lively

atre". There is a good deal of running about the QEH stage to be heard on Archiv's recording and limited audience laughter, notably at the Act III revelations about Figaro's parentage which quite obviously appeals to Gardiner's sense of humour and his quicksilver conducting. But elsewhere it sounds as though audience reaction has been doctored: *Figaro* quasi-live.

In vocal terms the servants dominate the masters. Bryn Terfel, who can do no wrong *at the moment, as Figaro is* threatening and militant from his opening "Se vuol ballare" through to the end. In Act IV Gardiner reverses the normal order by placing Susanna's

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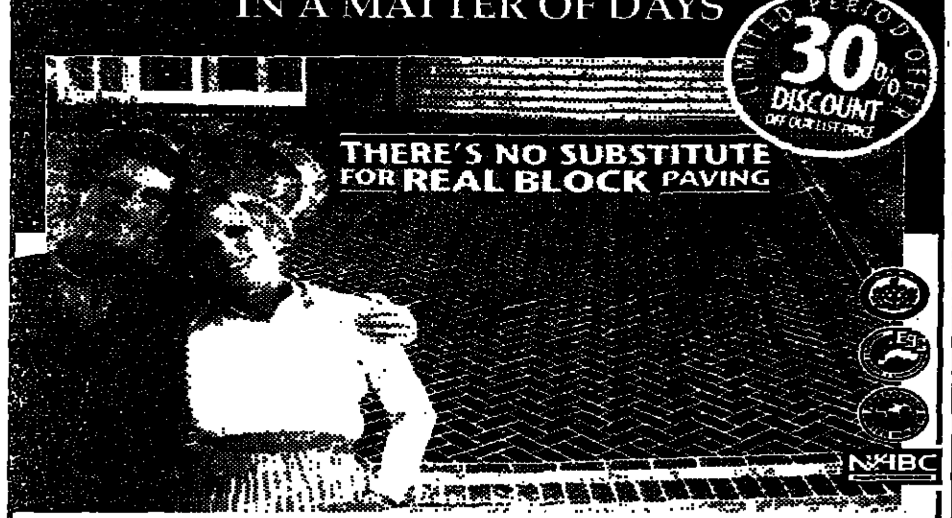
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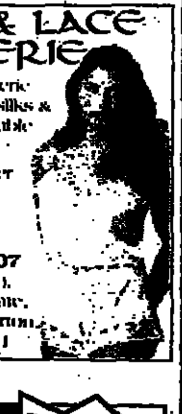
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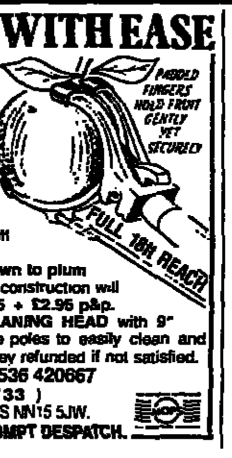
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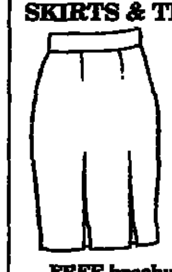
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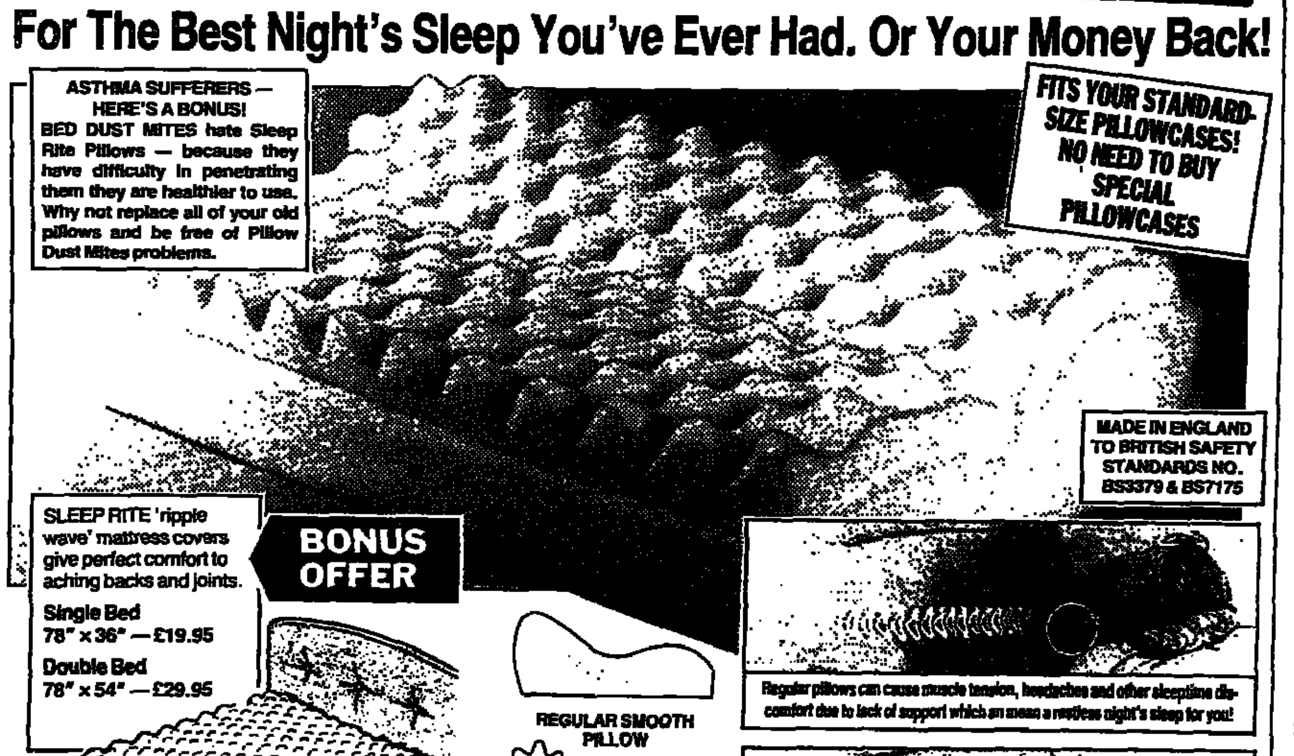
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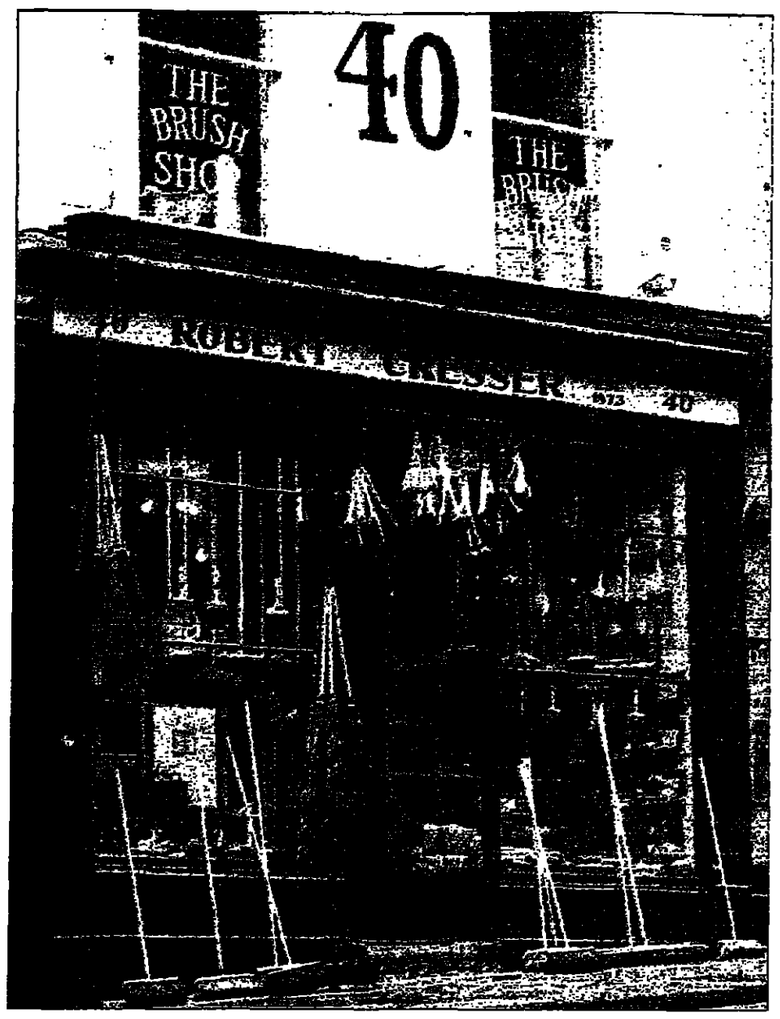
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My favourite shop in Edinburgh is Cresser's brush shop. Hand-made brushes lie on every surface and dangle from every inch of ceiling space. You are bound to spot something you have always needed — a teapot spout brush (£1.90); a "Nosey Parker" to get into every crevice of wood or metalwork (£12.80); or a tennis court brush (£28 with handle and bracket).

Ever-fashionable tartan brings glamour to formal occasions from Kilmarnock to Kuala Lumpur. Buy yours at the royal kiltmaker's Kinloch Anderson. Even if you do not have a clan tartan or a surname that appears on the Scottish Kith and Kin list, you can wear one of the three all-comers tartans — the Black Watch, the Caledonia and the Jacobite. All that Deirdre Kinloch Anderson, the retail and promotion manager, asks is that "when people wear our national dress, they do so with respect for its traditions", which means wearing accessories appropriate to the occasion. The knowledgeable staff will make sure that you emerge looking like a Highland chieftain rather than a reeling sartorial solecism. A made-to-measure kilt in Worsted tartan will cost £260-£280. For formal occasions, add a coatee and vest (ready-made £235), a dress sporran (from £145), a skean-dhu (from £43.50), a kilt pin (from £17), hose (from £9.90), ghillie brogues (from £65), and a black bow tie (from £6.50), and you have a dress outfit that will last more than one lifetime.



Above: a cherub from a selection at the Rolling Stone Gallery (£5 to £20)

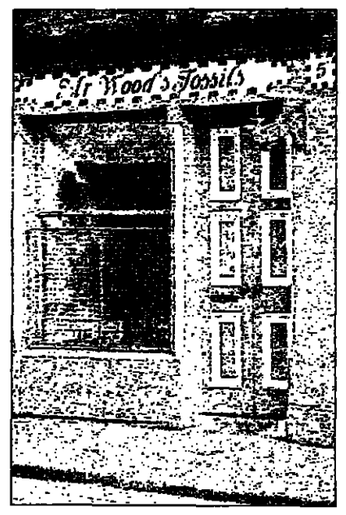


Right: Cresser's can supply brushes for every task

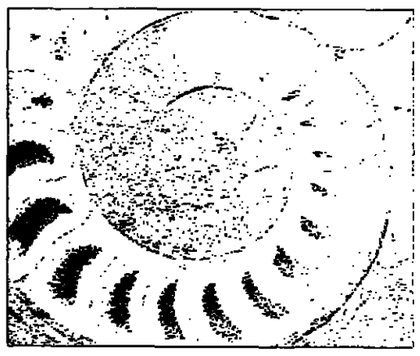


PETER SANDGROUND

Above: Andras Carline, the manager of Wind Things, has models to suit all kite flyers, from the novice to the expert



Left: a visit to Mr Wood's Fossils is a treat for collectors. Below, an ammonite fossil





Olive Reith, an assistant at Casey's: heaven for the sweet-toothed

For jewellery, go to Scottish Gems on the High Street (Royal Mile). The shop specialises in Scottish-made silver in traditional designs, such as the Ortak range from Orkney. On the Royal Mile near the Palace of Holyrood House you will find R. Somerville's Playing Cards, where you can get playing cards in a staggering variety of designs. How about cards commemorating the anniversary of the Normandy Landings (£5.95 single, £11.90 double) for a veteran? You can even get a facsimile of the oldest pack in existence, Morden's English Counties cards, designed in 1672 when there were 52 counties (£7).

Also look in art galleries for gifts: try the Torrance Gallery (silver jewellery) and Gallery 41 (studio glass), both on Dundas Street, and the Open Eye Gallery on Cumberland Street (ceramics). If you're visiting Dundas Street, take with you stopperless decanters and examples of missing chandelier or lustre drops: James Scott Antiques, two doors downhill from Gallery 41, has boxes full of spares.

My favourite sources of unusual presents in Edinburgh are in Cowgatehead. At Wind Things you can get fun kites such as Windy Bat (£14.99), decorative kites and serious kites (such as the Total Eclipse, one of the most advanced two-line stunt kites available, £225 without line and hands).

A couple of doors away, at Mr Wood's Fossils — owned by Stan Wood, who rediscovered the Lesmahagow fossil site in Lanarkshire — you can buy 550 million years of history for £9 in the form of a small trilobite fossil from Utah, or 360 million-year-old Devonian fish, priced from £4.50. I'm holding out for an enormous fossil fish from the Green River Shale in Wyoming (£900), a mere 50 million years old. The shop, a mecca for fossil collectors, also sells minerals, jewellery and books.

Coffee lovers must not miss The Better Beverage Company in William Street, where you'll find a huge range of delicious flavoured coffees and teas. Buy and freeze Cinnamon and Raspberry Cream coffees (both £1.30 ¼lb). Get Wild Cherry and China Rose teas for summer refreshment, and Spice tea (all 96p ¼lb) for winter warmth. Still in William Street, visit Charles Scott's Smoked Salmon Co for delicacies such as Arbroath smokies, Achiltibuie kippers (£3 pair) and mouthwatering smoked salmon from the Inverawe smokehouse.

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STEPHANIE LEWIS

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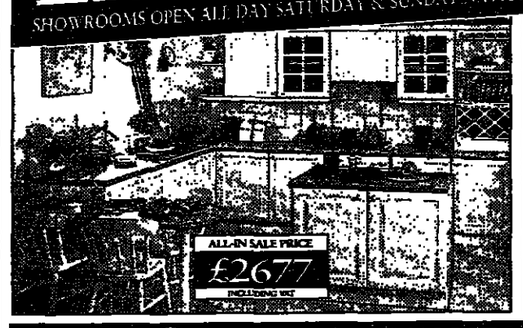
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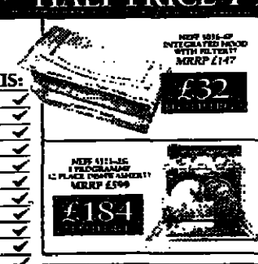
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The day I became a model farmer

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

Owners and supporters of that greatest of carthorses, the Suffolk Punch, among who I am fortunate enough to count myself, have been bursting with pride since Easter. At last, we have opened a museum in celebration of our beloved animals, and although Suffolk Punches are the rarest of the heavy-horse breeds, we can say with some satisfaction that our museum is unique: they are the only breed that has a museum of its own. Yah-boo! We are chuffed. I do not suppose Victoria was more pleased when they built the Albert Memorial, or the Navy when they put Nelson atop his column.

Admittedly, our museum is not a large affair and the V&A need not feel threatened, but it is packed with history, and the enthusiasm of those who built it oozes out of every display. We have a blacksmith's forge, a harness-maker's shop, and the exhibit which shows how carthorses were fed is correct down to the plastic rat creeping out of the sack of corn. The decorated harness is a joy to gaze at, the prize cups would make a showman's mouth water, and for someone like me who likes nothing better than an afternoon wallowing in agricultural nostalgia, it should be a joy. But I fear it is not.

The problem lies in one of the major exhibits, which is a scale model of a farm as it would have been in the days when Suffolks were working the land. To ensure authenticity, it was decided that a professional model-maker be employed and his model should be based on a real, rather than imagined farm. They chose this one and I can understand why. Our stable, cow-shed, yards and barns were built in 1882, according to some figures scratched carefully in the brickwork, and this was the time when horse-powered farming was approaching its zenith. As a small, typical mixed farm of the area, it would be difficult to think of a better example.



But the model is too good. It is perfect from the weather vane on the roof to the peculiar way in which our brick walls were bonded when first built. If I close one eye and bend down to the level of the stable door and peer in, I am at home, even down to the harness that hangs on the wall and the iron drain-pipes that lead from gutter to trough. I love it.

If I had the choice, I would sell the real farm now and make an offer for that model. Instead of having to get up every morning and mix swill for pigs and haul it to them, I would set the alarm clock for some late and civilised hour and merely reach out from beneath the sheets and move a model of a hunched, stumbling, cursing figure a few inches from the cardboard barn where the pig food is kept, to the precise location of the pigsties. The pigs would then be fed and I could go back to sleep.

I should not have to worry about how infrequently I clean the harness, for the leathers that hang behind model horses in the model stable are perfectly shiny and will stay that way forever. I should not have to ring round the village to find a ladder long enough to reach the barn roof to replace the tiles the last gale dislodged, because every tile in the model is secured with the stickiest of supergiue. No longer should I have to repair gates where lively bullocks have smashed through them; or dig out drains blocked by rotting muck and straw; in my model every drain trickles as freely as a mountain stream. I am beginning to think model farming is the answer to all my problems.

There is also some evidence that the horses think so too. I suspect that word may have drifted through to them that there exists a perfect farm where horses just stand all day, expected to do nothing, with plentiful feed in their mangers which never diminishes. I brought our horse Blue from the field the other day where he had been standing idly for more than a week. He made it perfectly clear, by dragging his feet the entire way from field to stable, that the idle life was the one he preferred. Nevertheless I fed him, harnessed him, and went back to the house for a cup of tea before starting to earth-up potatoes.

When I returned, I found a smug-looking horse next to a pile of bricks, and a hole in the wall. The bad-tempered beast had kicked and kicked repeatedly with his hind feet at the stable wall till I feared the whole thing might collapse if builders were not urgently summoned.

It would never happen in a model farm. Horses always behave, sheep never escape, weeds never smother precious crops. If the horse should ever consider a little demolition work again, I will be sorely tempted to give him a hand. Then we can all feast a model existence.

● *The Suffolk Horse Museum is at Market Hill, Woodbridge, Suffolk. (0394 380643). Open daily 2-5pm.*

FEATHER REPORT

Death comes on a whirl of sickle-shaped wings

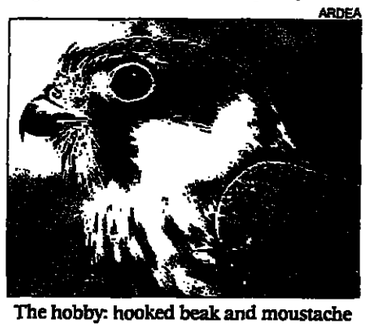
THIS is exactly the week to go looking for hobbies — and there is more chance of finding them than there was a few years ago. Hobbies are small falcons that visit Britain from May to September. They like open downland with clumps of pine trees, but are also found in undisturbed farmland, as long as there are old trees in hedges to provide nesting sites.

They are geniuses on the wing. They pursue small birds, and also dragonflies and beetles, at breakneck speed. They can pick up swallows and house martins in the air, and will sometimes even catch a flying swift.

They have slaty-blue backs, and that is really all you see of them when they are dashing away from you along a river, rocketing from side to side. Overhead, with their sickle-shaped wings, they look like large swifts. If you get a view of one perching in a tree-top, you see a hooked beak, a fierce-looking moustache, a streaky breast, and some rusty red around the thighs.

Once they begin nesting, they are silent and cunning. They contrive to approach their nest and to leave it almost invisibly. I know a good birdwatcher who had some hobbies nesting at the end of his garden, and who knew nothing about them until the young were fledged.

They never build their own nest, but use an old crow's nest or squirrel's drey. They breed late, for a good reason. They have two or three handsome eggs with rich, reddish-brown spots, which are laid in mid-June. These hatch in mid-July, and the fledglings are ready to leave the nest in mid-August. That means that the young hobbies are being fed just when the young swallows and house martins are out in the skies, inexperienced and plentiful. The adult hobbies cause havoc among them. It is also the time of year when plenty of darter and hawker dragonflies are coming out of the water and drying their wings.


ARDEA

The hobby: hooked beak and moustache

And why is mid-August a good time to look for hobbies? It is because it is the only time of year when the hobbies call a lot. The adults have a "kee-kee-kee" note, like a rather melancholy version of the kestrel's call, and also a screaming, wailing cry. Both can be heard from a long way off, and both are much in use as warning calls when the young are growing large in the nest, or just after they leave it. If you hear these plangent sounds in the distance and follow them up, you may discover one or both of the parents circling overhead.

The young are also noisy when they have flown and, once you have detected the presence of a family, with patience you should be able to find them high in the trees. Compared with their parents, they are remarkably tame, peering down at you with sharp eyes over their moustaches.

Twenty-five years ago there were probably only 100 to 200 pairs of hobbies each year in Britain, most of them on heathland in the South. Now there appear to be 700 to 800 pairs, and they have extended their range to Wales, Shropshire and Derbyshire, with even a few in North Yorkshire. So hunt the hunter — even if you cannot do it with all the speed and dash of the bird you are seeking.

DERWENT MAY

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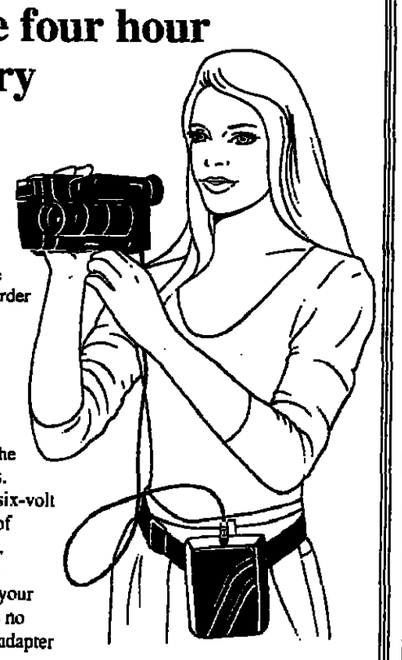
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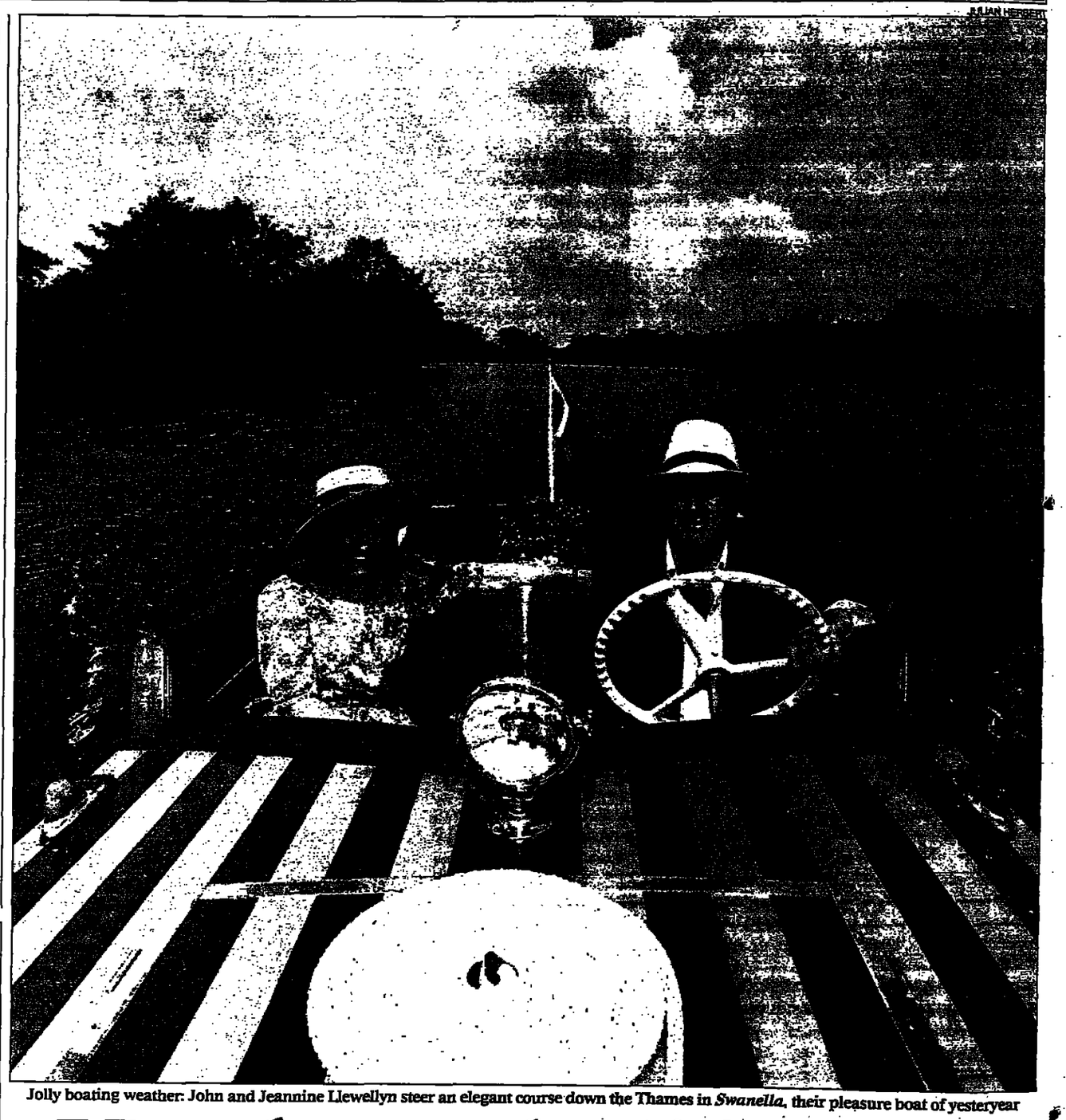
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JULIAN HERBERT



Jolly boating weather: John and Jeannine Llewellyn steer an elegant course down the Thames in *Swanella*, their pleasure boat of yesteryear

Head over keel in love

The charm that shines from a queen among slipper-stern launches is difficult to resist

At first I thought it was a wink. But then I realised it was the sun reflecting off her windscreen. She was moored at Henley waiting to be sold in the Phillips annual auction of traditional boats. Her elegant lines made the heart race: 25 feet of slipper-stern launch, past her best admittedly, but still very much mistress material of the sort that exhausts your bank balance, exasperates your patience and then forsakes you for someone able to keep her in the style to which she is accustomed, preferably in a wet boat house.

For *Swanella* does not come from a reputable line of boats. She is very showy, a survivor from the days when the Thames ran a rather more leisurely and social course. The long foredeck with its chromium-plated air intakes makes you believe there is a growling tiger below instead of the plodding Morris Minor engine. The raked-back windscreen and sports-car steering wheel ignore the fact that a brisk walking pace is the speed limit on the river: and the stern, curving gently down to the water line, is sheer aesthetic indulgence, whose only practical use is as a gangplank for greedy ducks and incontinent geese.

Her skin glowed a golden brown after many idyllic summer days, promising a restored complexion of stawberries and cream set our in alternate planks of pine and mahogany. For someone who had toyed with owning such a seductress for 20 years, this was too much. I would possess her, restore her to perfection and place her among the most admired of her class on the river.

We entered the vast tent left over from the regatta, where the intoxication of the saleroom took over. I told my alarmed family that I would stop bidding at the lowest estimate. But when the hammer fell I had mixed feelings of horror and elation: the price was £500 higher. Would Phillips accept my cheque for £9,500? They did. Where was I going to keep her? A frantic search the following day found her a home up the river at the Thames & Kennet Marina in Caversham.

Rash it was, but I doubt whether anyone buys an old wooden boat in a rational way. They are, after all, just holes in the water lined with rotten wood that soaks up money.

A varnished hull is always a good sign, however: rot and patching cannot be hidden as they would under a coat of paint. An examination by a marine surveyor found that the decks, suffering from rot, and discoloured by metal fixing pins, could wait a season or two before renewal. The planking was generally sound, but the rotten keel would have to be replaced. The engine ran sweetly and all would be well, he said, until the end of the season when she was to be taken to the yard of Henwood & Dean at Hambleden, near Henley, for essential work to the hull. At that stage, typical of her kind, shocking revelations ensued. The hog, the backbone of the boat, to which the keel is attached, was found to be split. The engine would have to be removed and the boat turned over, involving much extra expense with nothing to show for it.

Phase two took place the following winter, the budget kept to a minimum to compensate for the expense of the previous year. At Bourne End I found Neil Garside, who remembered working as an apprentice boat builder on *Swanella* in 1959. He made a new instrument panel of mahogany to replace the original.

After another summer of picnicking and touring the river, the big question presented itself. Could we afford the final stage of restoration? Replacing the foredeck would mean replacing the stern deck so that they matched. If that were done, the coaming [the cockpit edging] would have to be replaced. This, in turn, would afford the only opportunity to take out the cockpit lining, of obeche wood, and renovate it. While the deck was off, it would be a good time to scrape down the hull and restore its beauty with varnish, which was skillfully applied by Colin Henwood of Henwood & Dean. The yellow upholstery would then look distinctly jaded — and would have to be replaced.

All this was made possible by an unexpected legacy from an aunt. In the winter of 1993 *Swanella* returned to the boatyard while I set about my own small tasks of renovation: replacing the corroded bulb holders in the navigation lights — originally designed for the wingtips of an Auster light aircraft — and tracking down an authentic stern lamp. This was of the type used to illuminate the rear numberplates of early MG sports cars, and I managed to find what must have been the last in west London, still in its original Lucas box.

On a blustery April day, *Swanella* returned in triumph to Caversham. We negotiated the locks with all the angst of people moving a grand piano into an upstairs flat, and left her at her moorings snug under an all-over cover.

A glorious summer lay ahead, culminating last August with the Thames Traditional Boat Rally, where *Swanella* won second prize for the best restored and maintained boat of her class. This May she was invited to Richmond Lock's centenary celebrations. These events swelled her with pride. It will take all my commitment to stop her sailing off into the sunset, proudly wearing her Thames Vintage Boat Club plaque, in the hands of a new owner. Never trust a wooden heart.

JOHN LLEWELLYN

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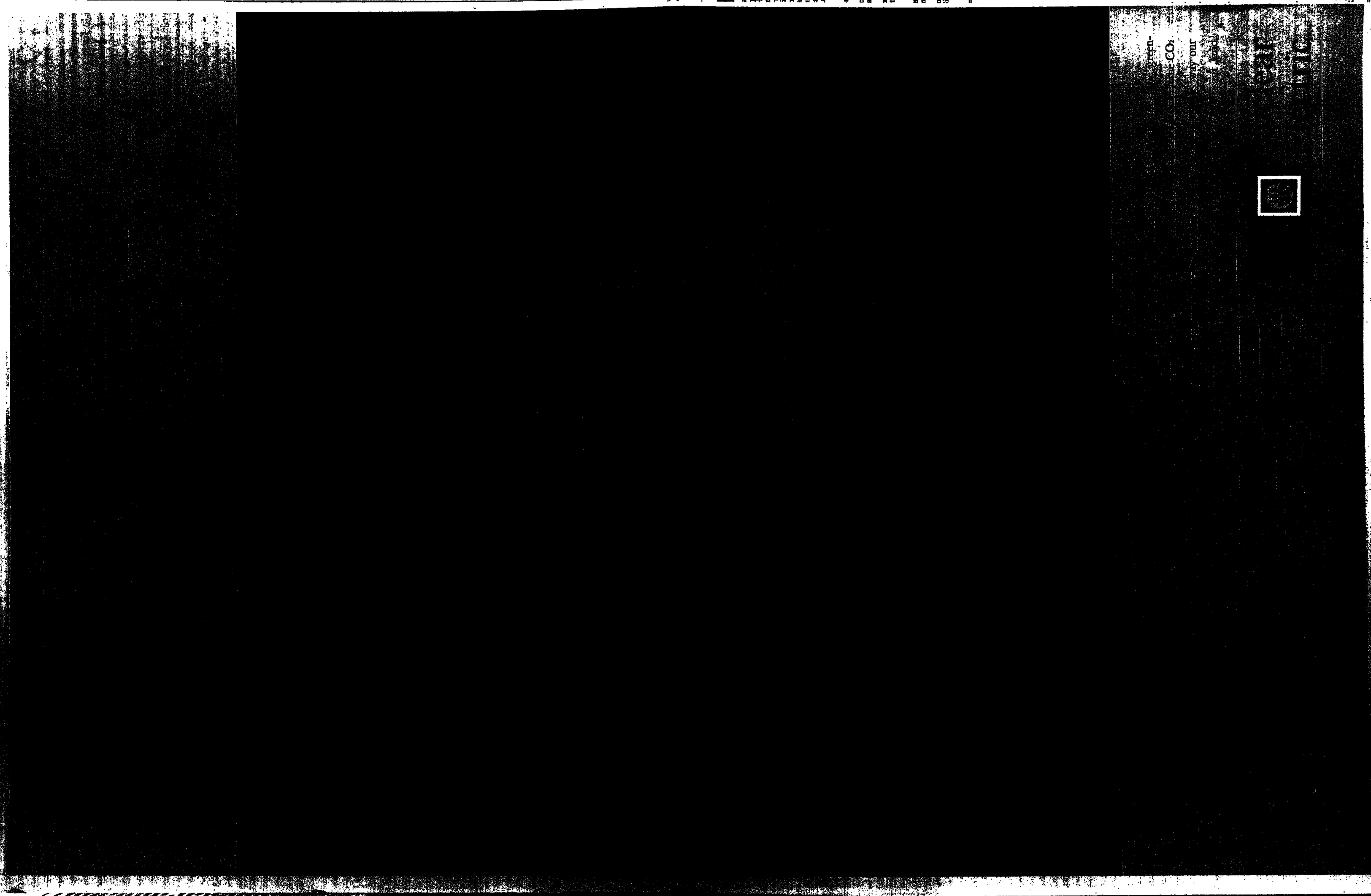
☐ Traditional craft can be seen at the Thames Traditional Boat Rally today and tomorrow, Henley-on-Thames.

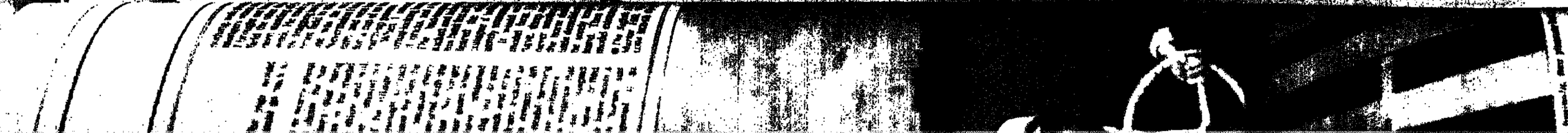
☐ Buying second-hand: look in *Classic Boat* and *The Boatman* magazines.

☐ Phillips's auction of Traditional River Craft and Ephemera is held every summer at Henley-on-Thames.

☐ Swanella was restored by Henwood & Dean, Greenland Farm, Dairy Lane, Hambleden, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 3AS (0491 571692).

☐ Annual berthing at Thames & Kennet Marina, Caversham Lakes, Henley Road, Reading RG4 0LQ (0734 482911), £1,400: National Rivers Authority licence, £110.





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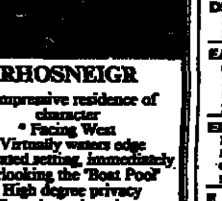
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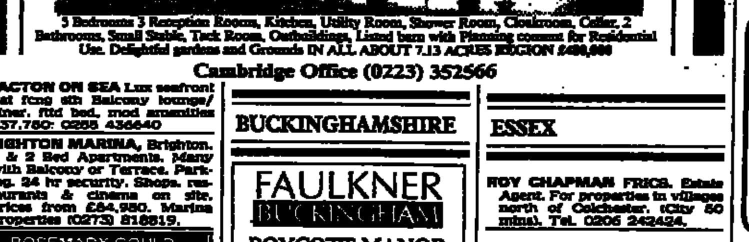
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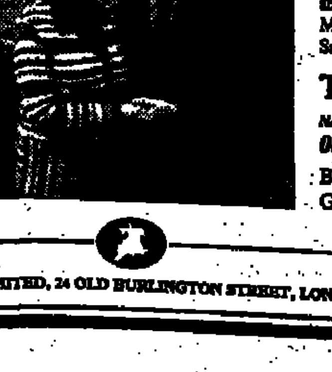
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The art of the estate agent has sadly declined since the 1960s when Roy Brooks described one of his properties as a "brothel in Pimlico". However, Gwyn Headley is doing his best to restore the poetry of the profession.

Mr Headley runs Pavilions of Splendour, the country's oddest estate agency. He advertises half a castle, built by a railway tycoon in Avon, as "ideal for thin people"; and a 19th-century concrete tower near Lymington, Hampshire, as "undeniably ugly" and "totally unsuitable for the New Forest or indeed anywhere".

This approach may seem foolish until you realise that foolishness is Mr Headley's trade. He is in the business of selling follies.

The point of a folly is that it has no point. It is the expression of a whim. The classical British folly is the useless but decorative temple or ruin planted in a landscaped garden of the 18th or 19th-century. The definition now embraces any building constructed for mischief, obsession or pure joy.

Mr Headley has been devoted to follies since he was five years old. He showed me a photograph of a family group outside a nonsensical 19th-century tower. His parents and his siblings are heading, bored, for the car, but a boy in short trousers is gazing up at the crumbling battlements like Cortés on his peak in Darien. That boy, Mr Headley, is now president of the Folly Fellowship, a charity devoted to the preservation and protection of these "practical jokes in stone".

Pavilions of Splendour is an offshoot of Mr Headley's obsession, and was set up 18 months ago. There are only 1,300 documented follies in the United Kingdom and most are by definition uninhabitable, so the agency extends its services to any building that is *interesting or unusual*; that is, to properties that appeal, in Mr Headley's words, "to the heart rather than the head".



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Geoffrey Gartside in the maze of his 19th-century Gothic folly at Ross-on-Wye

At present there are about 30 oddments on the agency's books. They range from a battlemented suburban house in Penge, south-east London, to an engine house in Cornwall, built in 1882 to house a mine pump, and a 218ft 13-storey tower at Sway, Hampshire, erected by a spiritualist, Andrew Peterson, *in 1885 as a prospective mausoleum* and, through its construction, to provide locals with employment. Despite its date, the tower is said to be the design of Sir Christopher Wren, whose plans were taken down by a medium at a spiritualist seance attended by Peterson.

The problem for Mr Headley is not so much finding prospective buyers — he has a list of 800 people looking for a bizarre corner to lay their heads — as finding enough odd-looking houses to satisfy the demand.

Prices can be extravagant. For £10.5 million (10 million guineas), for example, you could own a mock Moorish castle overlooking the Hudson River in Garrison, New York State. It is a quirk of the agency that it sets its prices in guineas.

There have been cheaper properties. Earlier this year, the agency sold, for one guinea, a 21-year "repair" lease on a dilapidated gamekeeper's cottage, on a Northamptonshire estate. On this sale, Pavilions of Splendour earned a commission of 1,905 per cent (£2,000), but the agency will usually settle for the more conventional 2.5 per cent.

Geoffrey Gartside's heating engineering business at Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester, adjoins the house of John Kyrtle, the town's most famous benefactor. Hidden in a walled garden within the garden was a ruined 19th-century Gothic summerhouse. Mr Gartside devoted himself to restoring the folly's grandeur, with the idea of moving in when he himself became too ruined to drive a car to his office.

He resurrected the beautiful box-hedge maze and turned the extraordinary building, which looks from one side like a stunted almshouse and from the other like a watchtower, into a comfortable, habitable oddity. Now that the work is finished and Mr Gartside is still far from ruin, he has turned to Pavilions of Splendour to sell his strange piece of history.

Gavin Alston, who runs a mobile grandstand business, has just bought Binhill Tower for 25,000 guineas (£26,250). A four-room folly built in 1818, it is at the top of a forested hill overlooking the river Tay and the Dundee-to-Perth road at Kinfauns. "My five daughters are off my hands," he says, "and I was looking for a bachelor pad. I walked around the tower once in the pouring rain and knew this was the place for me."

At the moment, the folly has no floors, water or electricity, and the battlements have seen better days, although, as with all follies, they have never seen a battle. However, the structure is sound and Mr Alston is confident that, with the help of local craftsmen, he can restore it to a domestic splendour that it has never known before.

The tower is 400 yards from the nearest road along a Forestry Commission track. "I have been staying down in Cheshire," Mr Alston says. "People there spend £1 million to buy a bit of isolation behind a walled garden. Here I am three miles from the nearest village with the best view of the most beautiful part of the country, surrounded by a huge garden maintained for me by the Forestry Commission. I was looking for something different — and this is certainly it."

If buying a folly is carrying the joke too far, you could always rent one. The Landscape Trust specialises in strange and beautiful holiday homes. Some of the finest examples on its books have been restored with love and with an obsession for period detail. You could spend a week in a Gothic temple at Stowe in Buckinghamshire, or take a winter break in a Palladian pigsbed on the coast near Whitby, North Yorkshire.

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When all else is concreted and packed in plastic, we can still look back at our follies and know that, once, we were magnificently mad.

JAMES HEPBURN

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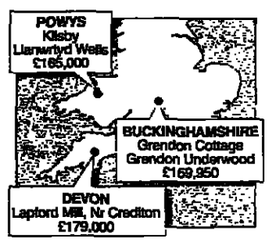


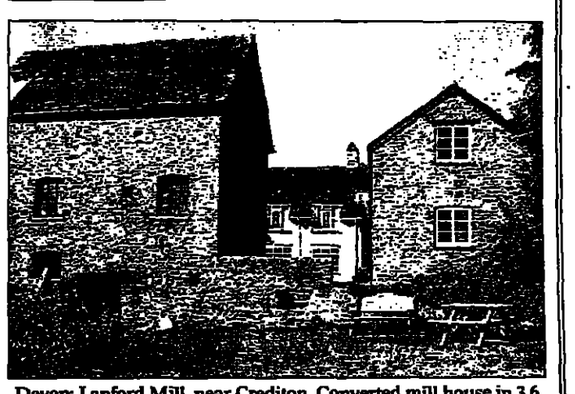
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Pied Piper weaves his musical spell

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He was the youth with the anarchic mane of curls and the *Pied Piperish ability to win* both the admiration of orchestras and the trust of audiences.

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He was the prodigiously gifted tyro-maestro who simply turned his back on the dreary treadmill that stunts the growth of so many promising musical talents. The two-flights-a-week guest conducting round the world's orchestras was not for him; nor was the succession of five-year "music directorships" that amount to nothing except a contract to conduct a dozen concerts a year.

Instead, Rattle did a noble thing. He put his loyalty, time and talent entirely at the disposal of one city, one orchestra: the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. It was not altogether a selfless gesture, of course. Go back 50 years, before jet engines made the crazy "around the world in 80 hours" schedules almost mandatory for rising musicians, and you can find many instances of the greatest conductors sticking with one orchestra, establishing an understanding that makes the deepest interpretations possible, and taking responsibility for every facet of that orchestra's life.

Rattle is simply turning back the clock to that stable musical era, because he sensed that this was the best thing for his own development. However, don't underestimate the courage it took to turn down lucrative opportunities to conduct on the world's most glamorous podiums.

In the last decade Rattle and the CBSO have grown together into the most exciting partnership of orchestra and conductor in Britain. Earlier this year, when it seemed as if the CBSO would have its funding slashed the outcry was national.

What, then, can one expect to hear on these recordings of Rattle and the CBSO? First, perhaps, there is the sense of 80-odd musicians acting as one. That means not only that they play precisely together, though this unanimity is much in evidence. It also implies that each is aware of his or her place in the greater scheme.

Many of these pieces were rehearsed by Rattle in jigsaw-fashion: each section of the orchestra put together bit by bit, and sometimes individual principals coaxed through their parts. That is what having a true music director is all about. And it allows Rattle to take extraordinary risks with an interpretation that simply would not be available to the conductor who has stepped off a plane to face an unfamiliar orchestra.

As it happens, I can illustrate this with a personal anecdote concerning the very first page of the biggest work recorded here: Mahler's Second Symphony. I had heard Rattle and the CBSO play it at the Edinburgh Festival in the late 1980s, and had commented in my review on Rattle's way of accelerating through the upward *rushing* scale in the cellos and double basses at the start. It was clever, I wrote, but a bit ostentatious. After all, the symphony had barely begun and Rattle was already pulling the tempo around.

A few days later I received a handwritten note from Rattle, politely but firmly putting me in my place. Did I not know that Mahler had appended a footnote to the full score of the symphony, requesting the very effect that Rattle had delivered? In vain did I argue that, if this was the case, Mahler's instructions had been ignored by some very famous conductors. "You've just been listening to too many bad performances," said the young maestro, with such an air of conviction that I was rendered speechless, for once.

"In any case," he continued, "do you know just how long it took to rehearse the strings to make that scale work? Would I have bothered if it wasn't what the composer wanted?" Game, set and match to Rattle.

One secret of Rattle's art is that, however remarkable his ideas about a piece, he makes them work. That is not quite the truism it seems. Conducting is about two things: interpretation and execution. Most conductors decide upon their interpretation and then work out ways of bringing it about. Sometimes they succeed, often they don't. A few, very bad, conductors do it the other way round. With Rattle, however, interpretation and execution seem inseparable: the wish and the deed are as one.

But he has also been very canny about what he conducts. He has championed the new and the neglected, particularly the music of the early 20th century with which he has a very natural affinity. The Szymanowski recording is a case in point: delicious music, as atmospheric as Mahler's, that had largely been overlooked in Britain until Rattle came along. And, conversely, Rattle has steered clear of the "classics" until sure that he has something to say.

Not everything he attempts strikes every listener as being "the right way" to do that piece. If it did, Rattle would not be the provocative and mesmerising force that he is. But I have never heard him display anything except the most intimate understanding of the style required for any particular piece. With luck and good health, Rattle has 40 years of conducting left in him. The glorious recordings selected here may just be a taster of things to come.

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Rattle: his loyalty to one orchestra has allowed him to take risks with interpretation

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Authors who take a thumping from their readers

With most literary awards made by critics, **Giles Gordon** welcomes the latest contest, which lets the public have a say

When I arrived in London in 1962 to work in publishing, I made a point of going to look at W H Smith's headquarters overlooking the Thames. With the absurd passion of youth, I said to myself that if I had one bomb I would use it to destroy the building. The booksellers then represented all that was mediocre and unserious in literature. It has to be recalled that in those days WHS was dominant throughout the land. The serious bookselling chains hadn't come into being.

No one today would accuse WHS of being elitist or highbrow but it can justifiably say that it leaves such concerns to its Waterstones subsidiary. And, in the face of competition, WHS has spruced itself up no end.

I come today to praise it. It is currently running a promotion, for the third successive year, for its "Thumping Good Read Award". If your gorge rises at the title, so does mine but, for better or for worse, it's accurate enough.

On the shortlist are six titles, all paperbacks (harder perhaps to experience a thumping good read with a hardback, even with the same books in hardback): *Night Shall Overtake Us* by Kate Saunders; *The Devil's Juggler* by Murray Smith; *Along Came a Spider* by James Patterson; *A Simple Plan* by Scott Smith; *A Season in Purgatory* by Dominick Dunne; and *An Outrageous Affair* by Penny Vincenzi. Two are published by Transworld, one each by Random House, Orion, Penguin and HarperCollins.

The books are on display in the windows of 400 WHS branches up and down the country. The eight judges have completed their reading of the six novels (could any category of book other than fiction be designated a thumping good read?) and decided, if not necessarily agreed with each other, which is the most exciting, raciest and "unputdownable". The winner will be proclaimed in London on August 25 and will receive £5,000.

The judges will each receive 52 paperback novels, possibly not all thumping good reads. "I hope I won't have to read them all," said 23-year-old Joe Bromley, who is female and about to start a drama course. This is not how matters are ordered in other literary awards but the judges — and this is the point of the promotion, the award — are not professor this or that, or famous writer X or Y, or even "personalities".

They are "ordinary readers" who apply for the job by sending in sample book reviews. They are readers who feel the critics always, or nearly always, get it wrong; or they are people who don't read the critics. An astonishing 220 applied to WHS to be judges, and eight were chosen. They live in Nottingham, Hayward's Heath, Clacton, Lancaster, Birmingham, Peterborough, Worthing and Bagshot. I'm particularly glad there's a judge from Bagshot.

The judges are in their twenties, thirties and forties. No golden oldies. I chatted to two of them. Ms Bromley reads "pretty much anything", and would devour the telephone book if nothing else was available. She admires Steinbeck and William Boyd, "a fabulous writer". She remarked that she was given so little time to read the six books that she had to consume one a day, although that was difficult with Penny Vincenzi's blockbuster. She understood about judicious skipping. She offered to send me her photograph as she wants to be famous.

Chris Davies is 26, a factory inspector in health and safety. "It was good fun in the main." He declined to elaborate on what wasn't fun. Why did he apply for the job? "So that I could impose my views on other people." He laughed, but it was "an opportunity to make your views count". He enjoys Jonathan Carroll, Pratchett, Holdstock, Banks.

It probably won't make much difference to Ms Vincenzi or Ms Saunders if they win: they have both enjoyed bestseller status. And Dominick Dunne has always been big in America. I spoke to one of the lesser known authors, Murray Smith, who, like an Oscar nominee, was thrilled to be shortlisted. Although an admired television scriptwriter, *The Devil's Juggler* is his first novel and has been sold for translation in 18 languages, or 17 if you don't count America.

He said: "You can only write what you enjoy reading. I enjoyed my novel the first 16 times I read it." It is rare to find a happy, satisfied writer and Mr Smith, ex-paratrooper and Special Forces officer, seems that. His novel is about Colombian drugs cartels. The author spent two years in Colombia and quite a bit of his own money before the book was taken on by Michael Joseph, which published his second earlier in the year. No one among the judges or at W H Smith would give me a clue but I have a feeling that *The Devil's Juggler* will prove the Thumping Best Read.

Putting the rot in erotic

NOW that collections of sexual fantasies, such as this latest offering from Rachel Silver, have become a literary genre, it seems the right time to mention the health hazards associated with their consumption. On the basis of my own reading and discussions with female friends, I'm confidently able to report that such texts can induce nasty cases of "syntactical detumescence".

This term refers to the fact that while real-life sexual fantasies can be as imaginative, outrageous, and irrational as the very best dreams, those which appear in printed collections are invariably not only repetitive and banal but also related in a plonking grammatical form — "and then he did this to me and then I did this to him".

This particular volume can, of course, play the patriotic card. Ms Silver tells us proudly that there are "marked differences in the imagery and descriptions reported by Nancy Friday's American subjects and the English women I spoke to", and adds that her style of face-to-face interviewing allowed "the true humour and eccentricity of British womanhood to emerge".



Rachel Silver: tedious tales

■ WHERE THEIR FEET DANCE: ENGLISH WOMEN'S SEXUAL FANTASIES
By Rachel Silver
Century, £9.99

I searched high and low among the 25 stories told here by young, middle-aged, and elderly interviewees and found little of either. There was a touch of heavy sado-masochism, some naughty ideas about daddy in the bathroom, a mention of a large dog, and a complicated routine involving the "members only" (geddit?) snooker table at the Chelsea Arts Club which threw some new light on how "Hurricane" Higgins might have got his nickname.

But only one woman manages to capture something of the mercurial reflexive nature of sexual fantasy so brilliantly evoked in Nicholson Baker's *Vox*. Deborah, 28, declares that "my interest in my own fantasies is in the way identity can shift in the fantasy between bottom and top, being the punished and the punisher ... In my fantasies I am both roles at the same time."

Neither is there any comfort in Rachel Silver's paper-thin justification for reprinting these tedious tales. She uncritically embraces the notion that something called "sexual liberation" is an unqualified good and that the explicitness of her subject's stories is evidence that women are moving ever closer to that magic goal.

While sex in the head remains such good business, none of these shortcomings will interfere with sales. The genre will run and run. At least until I publish my own cross-genre bestseller early next year. It's provisionally entitled *Your Pets' Sexual Fantasies*.

—LAURIE TAYLOR

ALLAN GLENWRIGHT



Catherine Cookson's books owe much to the world of Tyneside where she was born

Tales of a heroine in clogs

Ion Trewin finds fact and fiction in the story of Catherine Cookson's life

■ TO BE A LADY: THE STORY OF CATHERINE COOKSON
By Cliff Goodwin
Century, £15.99

THE story of Catherine Cookson might also be the plot of a Catherine Cookson novel. Indeed, if her millions of readers read Cliff Goodwin's workmanlike account, they might be surprised at just how closely — her biographer's prose style aside — Catherine Cookson has intermingled her life and her art.

Her first book, *Kate Hannigan*, was a scarcely disguised account of Cookson's mother and grandmother and the birth of a baby girl, a bastard. Cookson named her Annie, her own middle name. The book was fiction. She could have called it autobiography.

Four decades later Cookson's books have sold 90 million copies worldwide; her books are among the most-borrowed in British public libraries. She has become an institution, with marketing men for the tourism industry already christening her native North-East "Catherine Cookson country".

In modern publishing parlance, Cookson's *métier* is "clogs and shawls". Her books often owe much to the world of Tyneside where she was born: cobbled streets, poverty, mean men, hard women, but heroes and heroines too, and always people with hope. A recipe, she proved, for mass appreciation.

But by the time of *Kate Hannigan*'s publication, Cookson was in her mid-forties and no longer living in Tyneside, but on the south coast at Hastings where she was running a guest house. An early lodger was a school teacher, Tom Cookson, whom she was soon to marry. He has, as Goodwin makes clear, proved a mainstay in her life.

She herself had undergone much suffering. As a child she was brought up in her grandparents' home while Kate, her mother and the inspiration for that first book, worked in service.

Her grandmother's second husband was a sullen manual worker, an abuser of women when he had a few drinks inside him. When her grandmother became ill with dropsy, it was Kate who returned to run the home.

One of Kate's many suitors included an Irishman who molested Catherine shortly before her eighth birthday. By now she knew of and had to cope with her illegitimacy; she seriously injured a leg in a playground accident; she suffered lead poisoning; and in her late teens showed the first signs of an inherited blood disorder. Later she had a succession of miscarriages and a mental breakdown.

There is no doubt that her tough early life has provided unending material for her novels. Since *Kate Hannigan* she has produced more than 80 books — and even in her 88th year is still writing.

Although she refuses to authorise any biography, she and her husband Tom have obviously helped Cliff Goodwin with this sympathetic account, which demonstrates that although not a fashionable writer, Catherine Cookson is probably a more definitive social chronicler of the north-eastern working class than any formal historian.

Love story with bite

A FRUSTRATED wife at a New Zealand naval base in the 1960s has a serious fling while her husband is at sea. *All The Nice Girls* is a romance with a dash of feminism, a depiction of rocky marriages and a comedy of manners.

Anderson is sharper on satire than on sentiments. She excels when keeping a wily eye on the love her heroine, Sophie, feels for a commodore who betrays signs of being not so different from her bore of a spouse. Her new man may be an endearing softie voluntarily washing up, but he can't help letting slip an order about draining the dishes. When Anderson pops the bubble of romance she has lemon-fresh bite. Without the edge, the love interest has a whiff of Mills & Boon.

This warmly humorous novel is, one feels, autobiographically authentic in its depiction of the joys of domesticity (the cat dancing along at Sophie's heels) and the drudgery of housewifery (tussling with a half-made loo-seat cover and a mouthful of pins).

At best Anderson is a delightfully acute observer of human beings, whether it's an expat Brit barking in his sleep under a stuffed fluffy wildebeest, or the grocer's assistant raising a cabbage in greeting.

But Anderson doesn't pen categorically top-class literature, although among easier reads, *All The Nice Girls* is high in the pecking order. She correlates the human drama with Devonshire flora and fauna, cutting away, say, to sharp-billed gulls as Sophie talks to her sister, a childhood rival. It can be heavy-handed after a frosty reception and heated row between a wife and an adulteress, the irony of bedraggled roses, "a full-blown Iceberg, an imploded Peace", is laid on with a small trowel.

Though sometimes an awkward half-way house, Anderson's use of empathetic narrative, working her characters' voices (plus verbal idiosyncrasies) into the author's third-person description, blossoms into wry complexities as

■ ALL THE NICE GIRLS
By Barbara Anderson
Jonathan Cape, £14.99



Barbara Anderson: satire

Anderson speaks for Sophie whose thoughts have already been colonised by her husband William's turn of phrase.

KATE BASSETT

Derwent May reviews the critics

5/5 Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of reviews to date in national broadsheet newspapers

4/5 The Trapido rapido: Nearly everybody enjoyed Barbara Trapido's novel *Juggling* (Hamish Hamilton, £9.99) — a tale of two girls and two boys growing up in New York, structured like a Shakespearean comedy. "Enchanted lives ... even their suffering is picturesque," said Geraldine Brennan (*Observer*); "the plotting is dense and delicious," wrote Penny Perrick (*Sunday Times*); "enormous charm," opined Michael Dibdin (*Independent on Sunday*); she writes "brainy, beautiful, plain romances," said Philip Hensher (*Guardian*). But Polly Toynbee in *The Times* regretted that the story was not "credible" — "a golden aura, a feather bed, a cushion of love and forgiveness cushion the horrible events" — while Rebecca Gowers in *The Sunday Telegraph* concluded sternly that "she romps around a large number of serious subjects ... and leaves true seriousness to be desired".
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Relais & Châteaux began in France, still the heartland of the organisation. This year, 88 French hotels are taking part (compared with 73 last year).

At Le Touquet — easy to get to on the car ferry to Calais or Boulogne — is the Château de Montreuil, a manor house in a large floral garden looking out to the citadel and the fortified town, with the sea nearby. The food is light and regional: for example, foie gras with rhubarb and Sauternes, terrine of eels, or the morning's fresh fish.

A new member this year on the Atlantic coast of Brittany is L'Auberge Bretonne at La Roche-Bernard. This is a hotel that gourmets have been flocking to for a long time: a restored inn with a virtuoso chef who offers lobsters and *coquilles Saint-Jacques* cooked in fascinating local sauces. It has eight pretty bedrooms if you decide youwant to stay the night.

Nearer Paris is the Hôtellerie du Bas-Bréau, an exceptionally luxurious hotel at Barbizon on the edge of the forest of Fontainebleau. Barbizon is a village that painters took over in the 19th century, to the extent that there is now a recognised Barbizon school of landscapists. Robert Louis Stevenson came to stay at the inn from which the Bas-Bréau has grown. Here the cuisine concentrates on forest specialities, such as venison and wild boar. From Barbizon, you can easily visit the Palace of Fontainebleau, a shrine to Napoleon's family.

La Cardinale et Sa Résidence, south of Lyon at Baix in the Ardèche, has been a member of Relais & Châteaux from the start. It is an old seigneurial house in rugged countryside and surrounded by dry stone walls. Here you can eat pigeon with truffles or local hare, and drink the fine Rhône wines.

West of Lyons, at Roanne, is a famous point of call for gourmets, the Troisgros, which is owned and run by father and son Pierre and Michel Troisgros, and set in the Place Troisgros, named after the family. A statue in the form of forks stands outside the hotel. Here you can taste some of the best cooking in the world.

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Escape to peace and solitude

DIANA LEADBETTER



Gascony is a true pastoral haven, where medieval towns punctuate the sunflower-filled landscape, and where the foie gras tastes like a dream

I take my social life in my hands whenever I write about Gascony. As a summer resident of a *maison secondaire*, my family connects with numerous expats who are dotted about the countryside. They, like us, are passionate devotees of this land of miracles where, as an earlier traveller observed, little hillside towns, farms and churches fit so well into the landscape it is as if they were all conceived at the same time. The time is that of an earlier generation — calm, gentle, unhurried. And that is how our friends would like to keep it. When the travel pages promote Gascon peace and solitude, this rare virtue is the first casualty in the rush of tourists. And guess who is held to blame?

Actually, it is never as bad as that. There is room here for many more visitors. The hotels and restaurants — so much excellence at modest prices — would benefit. So too would the farmers who are encouraged to look towards the *ferme auberge* and *chambre hôte* as alternatives to Brussels subsidies. At the risk of being cut from a few more party lists, Gascony is the place for anyone who hates sweaty beaches and tower block hotels.

My highly selective conducted tour begins and ends in Auch (pronounced "osh"), the capital of the region known as the Gers, the heart of old Gascony. It is "old" Gascony because, officially, the name no longer exists. Gascons know who they are, and are quick to proclaim their proud heritage, but Gascony as such was a casualty of Napoleonic planning. Thereafter, the remote region to the southwest of the mighty river Garonne, or, say, a line drawn between Bordeaux and Toulouse, was split between Les Landes, the department of heavy forestation on the Atlantic coast, the Haute-Garonne down to the Pyrenees and the Spanish border, and the Gers in the middle.

In an area of 1.5 million acres (roughly the size of Devon or Lincolnshire but with a tiny fraction of their populations), Auch is seen by Gascons as the bustling metropolis. By British standards it is a small, charming market town. That is not to say it lacks distinction. It has a fine cathedral with an imposing façade that looks like and, indeed, is said to be based on a Roman triumphal arch; medieval streets, now mostly lined with classy shops and, in the main square, the Place de la Libération, the Hôtel de France where André Daguin reigns.

The intimation of royalty is deliberate. Daguin is one of the country's top dozen or so chefs, the bearer of two Michelin stars who is on call to Paris when President Mitterrand wishes to impress foreign dignitaries with *la cuisine Gasconne*.

The hotel is all that one expects from the prestigious Relais & Châteaux chain but the restaurant — a room of imperial splendour — is the big attraction. We will return here for the high spot of the tour. For the moment, titillate the appetite with the thought that André Daguin is the master of foie gras and is credited with ranking the Gers, along with Perigord, further north, and Strasbourg, as one of the prime producers of this delicacy.

To the north of Auch is the most wonderful collection of ancient towns and villages, each with its distinctive architectural features. Particularly attractive are the medieval *bastides*, several of which were built by the English. The idea was to create markets to stimulate local commerce. Hence, there are familiar market squares, surrounded by tightly packed timber and stone cottages, once the homes of traders and craftsmen but now, more often, converted to *gîtes*, available to rent by those who enjoy self-catering holidays.

Some *bastides*, such as Fources and Larressingle, are essentially tourist attractions, but others are working communities with a weekly market (one of the best is at Fleurance which comes alive every Tuesday) or less frequent specialised ones such as the garlic market at Saint Clar. Garlic is a big seller in these parts and is much revered: at Mauvezin they hold a competition to make sculptures from garlic heads and, in August, they crown a Garlic Queen. The ready availability of garlic should be of comfort to those who worry about the Gascon tendency to serve fat rich duck, duck, duck and duck.

Confit de canard, joints of roasted duck conserved in their own fat, is on every restaurant menu and is a favourite of the farmhouse table. André Daguin has been known to incorporate duck into all five courses of a meal, including the dessert. Garlic, however, is said to reduce the amount of fat produced by the body and to lower the cholesterol count which may go some way to explaining why Gascons enjoy a lengthy life expectancy. That, and the fact that they consume copious quantities of red wine, also reputed to aid longevity.

Still following our taste buds, further north, just over the border of the Lot-et-Garonne, is the busy town of Agen. The popular guide books have little positive to say about Agen except that it is on the TGV route from Bordeaux and thus within four-hour reach of Parisians in search of a leisurely Gascon weekend. But Agen has a daily market, a wonder of culinary diversity, and cosy roadside cafés, that evoke the atmosphere of jolly company without the noise and stinking fumes of big city traffic. Agen also has prunes.

For the Briton of a certain age, prunes are rarely judged a delicacy. Rather, they revive memories of school lunches with thick custard slopped on to wrinkly black objects that turned out to be as hard as walnuts. Be reassured. Agen prunes are soft, juicy and delectable, to be eaten with any number of dishes (like duck, prunes feature heavily on a Gascon menu) or on their own. There was a time when every farm for miles around boasted a prune oven with its slatted trays shaped like snow shoes. Nowadays, the drying is a highly mechanical operation carried out, for the most part, by farming co-operatives.

My favoured route is to return south towards Auch along the D931, through the fields of sunflowers, via Condom, the commercial centre for Armagnac brandy. There you can sample prunes in Armagnac, surely one of the most delicious and potent tastes created by man. A good place to start is Jean du Vignau, a stylish emporium by the river which has its own Armagnac distillery.

Armagnac has to remain at least one year in the barrel before it can be sold. Thereafter, it is entitled to three stars on the label. VSOP means that the brandy has been in cask for a minimum of four years; *Hors d'Age*, a minimum of five years. For those with the money and toughness of liver, there is Armagnac that has matured for up to 30 years.

There are pleasurable spin-offs from Armagnac to be sampled such as *Eau-de-vie de Pruneau* (naturally) and *Pousse Rapière* or "rapier thrust", a slug of liqueur Armagnac topped up with sparkling white wine.

Imbibers in need of spiritual renewal — the next stop is Auch, the Hôtel de France and the final descent into hedonism — could not do better than to visit the great Gothic cathedral of Condom which dominates the Place Saint-Pierre. From the outside it looks in need of renovation and inside it is a jumble of religious fashion through the centuries. But, somehow, the effect is warm and comforting. It is my conviction that anyone who can emerge from Condom cathedral unmoved is truly an atheist.

Incidentally, this Gascon town has nothing to do with contraceptives. As any local pharmacist will explain most patiently, the condom was indeed invented by Monsieur Condom but Monsieur Condom did not come from Condom. He came from Paris.

How I admire the Syndicat d'Initiative (it is still a puzzle to me as to why this should translate as "tourist office") for not taking advantage of a money-spinning fame by association. Elsewhere in Gascony, they are only too quick to claim intimacy with Henry IV (he of the Edict of Nantes) or d'Artagnan, otherwise Charles de Batz-Castlemore, often on the skimpiest documentary evidence. In Auch, behind the cathedral, there is a statue of the famous musketeer, hand on scabbard in a gesture of Gascon defiance. Yet my edition of the Dumas novel says that d'Artagnan came from Tarbes, a once sleepy village that is now a heavily industrialised offshoot of Toulouse. Not many tourists are likely to go there to check the facts.

Still, we are not in Auch to argue historical niceties. Monsieur Daguin awaits. Our host was once a rugby player and it shows. Now in his mid-fifties, he parades around the restaurant like a centurion inspecting raw recruits. . It does not help the timid customer that while he is seated. Monsieur Daguin towers over him, arms folded, ready to pass on instructions to his maître d' standing deferentially to one side, order pad at the ready. But this is not the intimidation you get at a pricey restaurant in England. Choosing a meal is, in Monsieur Daguin's view, a serious business and he is intent on giving value for money; all but the practised gourmet needs help in finding a way through the voluminous menu.

Not to have the foie gras would be an affront to taste and sense. But even as a starter the choice is generous. After girding the palate with a modest portion of salmon mousse, I settled for a selection of five varieties of Monsieur Daguin's famed delicacy, each the size of a butter-pot and each with its own distinctive creamy flavour. Exquisite. The sensation of entering a culinary paradise intensified with more foie gras, this time flavoured by oysters. It was followed by *magret* and *confit de canard*, but I would have been equally delighted with guinea fowl and vinegar sauce, *rack of lamb à la gasconne* or loin of pork with prunes.

Restricting choice to a limited menu, but one that embraces all the essential Daguin ingredients, ends with a bill around £25. Going wild at the Hotel de France can cost up to £50 or £60 with the wine and, of course, the Armagnac to accompany. But think what a comparable meal would cost in London and be grateful. If the puritan conscience is still active, be consoled by the knowledge that, after an evening with André Daguin, you won't want to eat again for a week.

BARRY TURNER

How to get there

- ☐ The author was a guest of Relais & Châteaux.
- ☐ Fly to Toulouse or Bordeaux and hire a car. There are trains from Toulouse to Auch and from Toulouse and Bordeaux to Agen. Thereafter a car really is essential.
- ☐ Anyone starting from one of the Channel ports should anticipate a day's car journey including at least an hour wandering the Périphérique, the Paris orbital. There are ways of avoiding Paris but the advanced navigational skills required are beyond most of us.
- ☐ Or take the overnight ferry from Portsmouth to Le Havre, Caen or St Malo, then the *autoroute* most of the way to Bordeaux and beyond.
- ☐ French Motorail: it is expensive (£319 from Calais to Brive in August for car and driver) but the journey can be fun. Take a picnic. Ending up at Brive at around 7am, passengers are served breakfast while the cars are unloaded. Gascony is then within a leisurely drive.

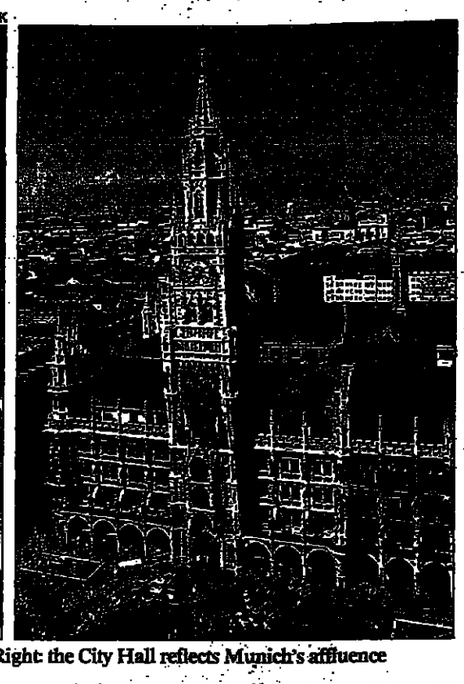
RELAIS & CHATEAUX

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK: A Germany full of surprises; and the gastronomic delights of the Low Countries

A magical musical tour

IMAGE BANK





The band played on: Bavarian oompah music helps to make Munich a warm and jolly destination. Right: the City Hall reflects Munich's affluence

I want to write this down before I pinch myself and return to the real world. I am in the *Pursifal* suite in an hotel in a remote south German village, opera booming from hidden speakers. This extraordinary room is decorated like the interior of a stage set for an elaborate post-modern Wagner production at nearby Bayreuth. The lighting seems to be tiny stars twinkling from a jet black roof. The bed resembles a 1950s vision of a four-poster suitable for space travel. A pile of opera CDs lies on the bedside table. Placido Domingo slept here. He must have woken each day and felt he was already on stage.

The Wagner-mad co-owner of the Pflaums Posthotel Pegnitz, in Pegnitz, wants to give his guests the same sense of excitement an operagoer feels at a dramatic new production — the new Bayreuth Parsifal is broadcast on banks of television screens near reception.

Bernard Levin (who is staying next week) would be better qualified than me to analyse what it is in the operagoer's soul that makes this 300-year-old hotel so appealing. Herr Pflaum, a bearded jolly man who giggles a lot, says that the novelty adds to the festive experience.

He admits that he had some struggle with the older generation of Pflaums to install the avant-garde rooms. "But I like to see our guests smile at the eccentricity of it all," he laughs, fully aware of the incongruity of his 18th-century inn in rural Swiss Franconia, with its fine gourmet cooking and rooms where Napoleon stayed, and his operatic theme park.

On a whirlwind trip to some Relais & Châteaux hotels in southern Germany this month, we found many of our preconceptions shattered. Instead of dour innkeepers we discovered Herr Pflaum. Instead of wurst and sauerkraut we discovered five-course gastronomic menus of local specialities, and instead of the insipid German wines we see in England we discovered delicious Franconian reds, thick and spicy, as well as dry-as-dust rieslings.

Our first stop had been Munich, where we stayed at the luxurious Hotel Rafael, in the heart of the old city. I have always believed that the only way to explore a city is to get tired feet. Munich offers little alternative as its centre has seen all cars banned, making it a civilised place to wander. The Rafael, an oasis of tranquillity, provided an excellent base. As temperatures moved into the 90s its shimmering rooftop swimming pool with panoramic views across the city proved a strong alternative to sightseeing.

Munich, warm and laid back, was also a surprise, its street life more like a relaxed Mediterranean town than a booming German city. Jazz bands and troubadours played in the streets and the mood in the beer gardens and pavement cafés was decidedly jaunty.

The guide books said that the Hofbräuhaus right beside the Rafael would prove a terrible disappointment, full of Australian tourists and drunken brawls; or at best a Disneyfied beer garden. Instead on a warm August night it proved to be charming. Packed with German families (some from the east, discovering their own country at last), the flower-filled terrace echoed to the Bavarian oompah music of the band, laughter and good cheer. A truly jolly place.

Our final stop was the spa town of Baden-Baden. The Brenner's Park-Hotel, where we stayed, is a magnificent Victorian duchess, slightly reproachful that the town's glamour has faded.

Crowned princes, emperors and even American millionaires being in short supply these days, Baden-Baden lives in its past. On the walls of the bar of the Casino are pictures of the late Aga Khan, Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson, and fading film stars. But the Lichtentaler Allee, the promenade where Napoleon III and Eugénie once strolled, remains as leafy and elegant as ever. Old ladies, here for their cures, tiptoe beside the River Oos, using their umbrellas as support.

The Brenner's Park-Hotel remains aloof, as grand as it must have been when Queen Victoria was a guest. Although it is not large, one reaches for the word palatial to describe its style.

On our final night we sat out on the terrace overlooking the Lichtentaler Allee. The staff of the famous Hungarian restaurant, the Gundel in Budapest, had decamped here for a week. Their food was delicious. But as the light faded the memory that lingers is the sound of the violin and zither, with their haunting Hungarian melodies, drifting softly across the lawns.

It was magical and like much else on our trip, quite unexpected.

GRAHAM PATERSON

☐ *The author was a guest of Relais & Châteaux.*

☐ *The Rafael offers a limousine service from Munich airport. Alternatively, take the S-Bahn railway, which stops near the hotel.*

☐ *Pegnitz is a three-and-a-half hour train ride from Munich.*

☐ *Baden-Baden is an hour's train journey from Strasbourg, or three hours from Frankfurt. The Brenner's Park-Hotel offers a limousine service from the station.*

Take the low road to a luxury stay

STEPHANIE COLASANTI



Delectable food may tempt you to prolong your stay



The Netherlands may be famed for its flatness, its tulips and its windmills, such as these in Kinderdyk, but the country has many more delights in store for the traveller

From the luscious green fields of the northern Netherlands to the forested slopes of the rdennes, there are delectable elais & Châteaux hotels all ver the Low Countries. They ffer either luxury and peace. - a splendid break for lunch - dinner to a party roaring uth on the motorway.

Up in Friesland stands the andgoed Lauswolt, a grand ith-century house in a park ith a luxurious wing of suites d rooms. It is easily reached om Amsterdam by a motorway traversing Holland's test polder, the enormous claimed island of Flavoland.

The hospitality is arm from the moent of arrival, hen you find fruit the bedroom ta-e, and a slice of cal sugar bread ith your first drink. ne windows look t over a lawn dotd with statues and nged with coppices. eyond which retches a new 18-le golf course.

The restaurant, nich in good weaer offers guests on e terrace, serves culent prawns d scallops, and shes such as amed turbot on a d of mangetouts d courgettes. Evthing here is prented charmingly, with plates red berries, for example, attered with wild pansies. e young manager moves screetly among the tables, eaking briefly to everybody. For another kind of pleare, you may wish to use the tel's Jil Sander Beauty Pure tate, a skin beauty parlour, th a sauna and swimming ol thrown in.

Back on the Autoroute du leil, an excellent countryel restaurant to stop at just tside Utrecht is the Auberge Hoefslag. It is set among las with gardens of pines, d is favoured by Utrecht sinessmen. Here you can perfect *pâté de foie gras* h a little *confit* of duck in middle, a lobster salad or utifully cooked quails.



Enjoy venison, quail, scallops, and duck

Now to the south of Holland. A little tongue of this country runs between Belgium and Germany, at the southern tip of which lies the ancient town of Maastricht, now famous, for good or ill, through the Treaty. A few miles from Maastricht is the spa town of Valkenburg, where you will find the Hotel Prinses Juliana — it was completely taken over by President Mitterrand and his entourage during the Maastricht conference.

People flock to Valkenburg from the flat parts of Holland to walk in the hills and woods. They also come, in the words of the hotel's genial owner, Paul Stevens, for "the merry atmosphere".

Mr Stevens and his wife Doris — they are Dutch, despite their English-sounding names — provide a warm welcome and wonderful food. Their restaurant has two Michelin stars. (By the strange rules of Michelin, they are not allowed to mention this in their advertising, but I can.)

You might have venison with a green pepper sauce and bilberries, or the chef's special of turbot, smoked salmon and caviar in a champagne sauce. Your pudding of warm peaches and ice-cream sits on a raspberry *coulis* traced with floral patterns — and the French wine list is long.

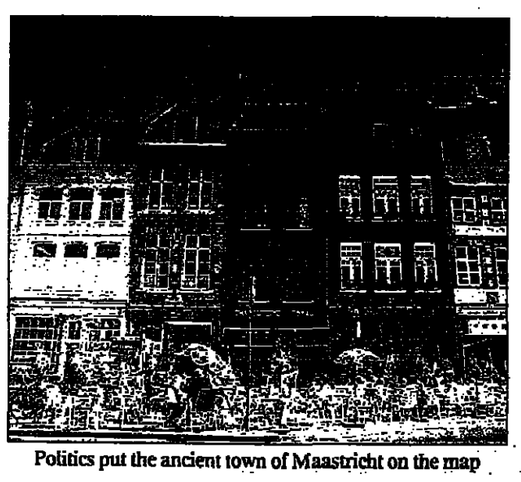
A visit to Maastricht, with its old squares and fortified Romanesque church, should certainly be made from here.

Across the Belgian frontier and along the Maas (now the Meuse) past Liège, to a hotel in higher hills and deeper forests: the half-timbered and gabled Hostellerie Lafarque above the winding stream of the Vesdre at Pepinster. Here, from the beautiful dining-room, you look out on birches and chestnuts while drinking a fine Margaux, and eating superb sea-bream with rosemary, or *magret de canard*.

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg also has its Relais & Châteaux hotels. Just across the Belgian border from Arlon, in the village of Gaichel, is an old frontier inn, called La Gaichel, which provides a high standard of comfort. In the dining room, or out on the terrace you can try ravioli with lobster and langoustines or a fine pigeon. A tributary of the river Eisch splashes past the end of the garden and down into a wooded valley, and black woodpeckers (never seen in Britain) can be heard in the surrounding trees.

You may be heading further south, but any of these hotels will tempt you to stay in the north a little longer.

DERWENT MAY



Politics put the ancient town of Maastricht on the map

How to get to the Low Countries

☐ The author was a guest of Relais & Châteaux.

☐ The major airports in the Low Countries are Schiphol (for Amsterdam), Brussels, Antwerp/Maastricht and Luxembourg. This offer includes a discount on car rental from Hertz.

☐ Car ferries to the Low Countries. Harwich to Hook of Holland, seven to nine hours (Stena Sealink Line, 0255 243333). Hull to Rotterdam, 14 hours (North Sea Ferries, 0482 77177). Dover to Ostend, four hours; Felixstowe to Zeebrugge, six to eight hours (both P&O European Ferries, 0304 203388). Hull-Zeebrugge 14-15 hours (North Sea Ferries). You can also approach the Low Countries quite easily through France on the Ramsgate-Dunkirk ferry (2½ hours, Sally Line, 0843 595522).

☐ Trains are good and fast in these countries, but many of the Relais & Châteaux hotels are deep in the countryside and you really need a car to get to them.



The Landgoed Lauswolt in Friesland

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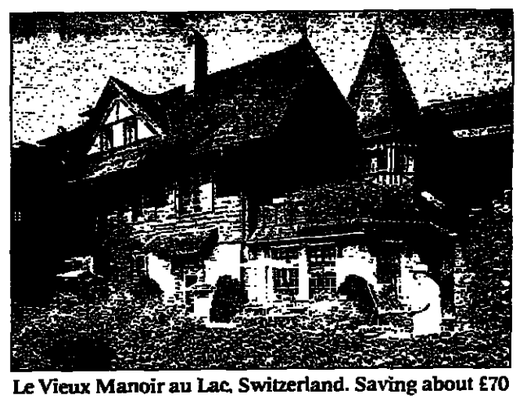
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FRANCE	**FRENCH FRANCS (Fr)**	
Paris/Paris Basin/Normandy		
Hôtel de Vigny, Paris	2380	1700
Cazaudehore et "La Forestiere", St Germain en Laye (Yvelines)	1800	1350
Le Manoir, Fontenay-Trésigny (Seine-et-Marne)	1510	1100
Hôtellerie du Bas-Bréau, Barbizon (Seine-et-Marne)	2680	1900
Auberge des Templiers, Bolsmirand	2380	1800
Château d'Esclimont, Ajneau (Eure-et-Loire)	2380	1470
Hostellerie le Clos, Verneuil-sur-Avre (Eure)	1550	1160
Château d'Audrieu, Audrieu (Calvados)	1960	1484
Ferme Saint-Siméon, Honfleur (Calvados)	2860	2145
La Chaumière, Honfleur-Vasouy (Calvados)	1890	1420
Champagne/Alsace Lorraine		
Royal Champagne, Champillon-Epernay (Marne)	1730	1300
Château de Courcelles, Courcelles-sur-Vesle (Aisne)	1590	1190
Château de Montreuil, Montreuil-sur-Mer (Pas-de-Calais)	1780	1200
Hostellerie La Chenaudière, Colroy-La-Roche (Bas-Rhin)	2100	1500
Abbaye La Pommeraie, Sélestat (Bas-Rhin)	1687	1350
Château d'Isenbourg, Rouffach (Haut-Rhin)	1920	1440
Burgundy		
La Côte Saint-Jacques, Joigny (Yonne)	2700	1960
L'Abbaye Saint-Michel, Tonnerre (Yonne)	2030	1420
L'Espérance, St-Père-sous-Vézelay (Yonne)	2400	1900
Château de Gilly, Vougeot (Côte d'Or)	2130	1550
Bernard Loiseau - Residence de la Côte d'Or, Saulieu (Côte d'Or)	3500	2625
Hostellerie de Levernois, Levernois-Beaune (Côte d'Or)	2000	1500
Château d'Igé, Igé (Saône-et-Loire)	1525	1100
Alain Chapel, Mionnay (Ain)	2040	1430
Rhônes Alps		
Troisgros, Roanne (Loire)	2180	1635
Château de Codignat, Bort-L'Etang (Puy-de-Dôme)	1800	1200
Pavillon Sévigné, Vichy (Allier)	1480	1132
Hostellerie La Poularde, Montrond-les-Bains (Loire)	1970	1475
Ombremont, Le Bourget-du-Lac (Savoie)	1670	1250
Château de Divonne, Divonne-les-Bains (Ain)	2150	1505
La Verniaz et ses Chalets, Evian-les-Bains (Haute-Savoie)	1422	1060
L'Abbaye, Talloires (Haute-Savoie)	1620	1210
Michel Chabran, Pont-de-l'Isère (Drôme)	2030	1520
La Cardinale et sa résidence, Baix (Ardèche)	1650	1200
Provence/Côte d'Azur		
Château de Rochegude, Rochegude (Vaucluse)	2130	1597
Hôtel La Prieuré, Villeneuve-Les-Avignon (Gard)	1910	1432
Le Vieux Castillon, Remoulins (Gard)	1990	1450
Auberge de Noves, Noves (Bouches du Rhône)	2250	1685
Hostellerie Les Frênes, Avignon-Montfavet (Vaucluse)	2330	1631
Les Mas des Herbes Blanches, Gordes (Vaucluse)	1780	1335
La Bonne Etape, Château-Arnoux (Alpes-de-Haute Provence)	1650/1300	1240/1000
Oustau de Baumanière, Les-Baux-de-Provence (Bouches-du-Rhône)	2800	1950
La Cabro d'Or, Les-Baux-de-Provence (Bouches-du-Rhône)	1250	937
Jules César, Arles (Bouches-du-Rhône)	1824	1368
Auberge La Regalido, Fontvieille (Bouches-du-Rhône)	1750	1312
Abbaye de Sainte Croix, Salon-de-Provence (Bouches-du-Rhône)	1905	1430
Le Petit Nice-Passédat, Marseille (Bouches-du-Rhône)	2880	2160
Domaine de Châteauneuf, Nans-les-Pins (Var)	1740	1305
Château de Trigance, Trigance (Var)	1350	1000
Mas d'Artigny, Saint-Paul (Alpes-Maritimes)	2477/2227	1857/1670
Le Saint Paul, Saint-Paul-de-Vence (Alpes-Maritimes)	1820/1520	1365/1140
Château de la Chèvre d'Or, Eze Village (Alpes-Maritimes)	2910	2180
Le Cagnard, Cagnes-sur-Mer (Alpes-Maritimes)	1548	1160
Grand Hôtel de Cala Rossa, Porto-Vecchio (Corsica)	1500	1100
Périgord/Aquitaine		
Château de Nieuil, Nieuil (Charente)	1670	1250
St-James Jean Marie Amat, Boutlac (Gironde)	1500	1043
Le Moulin de L'Abbaye, Brantôme (Dordogne)	1630	1223
Le Vieux Logis, Trémolat (Dordogne)	1820	1275
Hôtel du Centenaire, Les-Eyzies-de-Tayac (Dordogne)	1760	1320
Château de la Treyne, Lacave (Lot)	1680	1260
Château de Roumégouse, Gramat (Lot)	1700	1275
Michel Bras, Laguiole (Aveyron)	2040	1470
Château de Mercuès (Lot)	1820	1270
Les Loges de l'Aubergade, Puymirol (Lot et Garonne)	2400	1800
Le Réserve, Albi (Tarn)	1500	1050
Domaine d'Auriac, Carcassonne (Aude)	1540	1155
Château de Rieli, Prades (Pyrénées-Orientales)	1840	1380
Hostellerie des 7 Molles, Sauveterre-de-Comminges (Haute-Garonne)	1280	960
Château de Larroque, Gimont (Gers)	1310	917
Hôtel de France, Auch (Gers)	1750	1225
Domaine de Bassibé, Segos (Gers)	1300	950
Francis Darroze, Villeneuve-de-Marsan (Landes)	1300	975
Michel Guérard — "Les Prés d'Eugénie", Eugénie-les-Bains (Landes)	2380	1700
Les Pyrénées, St-Jean-Pied-de-Port (Pyrénées-Atlantiques)	1500	1125
Brittany		
Le Domaine D'Orvault, Orvault (Loire-Atlantique)	1600	1120
Castel Marie-Louise, La Baule (Loire-Atlantique)	1550	1130
L'Auberge Bretonne, La Roche-Bernard (Morbihan)	1600	1200
Castel Clara, Belle-Ile-en-Mer (Morbihan)	1220	915
Le Bretagne, Quelsiembert (Morbihan)	1990	1400
Château de Locguénolé, Hennebont (Morbihan)	1788	1252
Manoir de Lan-Kerellec, Trebeurden (Côtes d'Armor)	1370	960
Touraine/Loire		
Le Prieuré, Gennes (Maine-et-Loire)	2010	1400
Château de Marçay, Marçay-Chinon (Indre-et-Loire)	1885	1320
Le Château de Noizay, Noizay (Indre-et-Loire)	1700	1200
Hôtel d'Espagne, Valençay (Indre)	1500	1100
Le Choiseul, Amboise (Indre-et-Loire)	1680	1220
Les Hautes Roches, Rochecorbon (Indre-et-Loire)	1670	1250
Château d'Artigny, Montbazon (Indre-et-Loire)	1805	1265
	BELGIAN FRANCS (BFr)	
BELGIUM		
Hôtel De Snippe, Bruges	10.000	7.500
Hostellerie Shamrock, Maarkedal	13.000	9.500
Hostellerie Saint-Roche, Comblain-la-Tour	9.300	7.000
Hostellerie Lafarque, Pepinster, Goffontaine	10.250	7.575
Hostellerie Très Marets, Malmedy	10.700	7.800
Auberge du Moulin Hideux, Noirefontaine	10.000	7.500

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LUXEMBOURG	**BELGIAN FRANCS (BFr)**	
La Gaichel, Gaichel/Eischen	9.500	7.125
Hôtel Bel Air, Echternach	8.900	6.500
THE NETHERLANDS	**FLORINS (Fl)**	
Kasteel Wittem, Wittem	460	350
Prinses Juliana, Valkenburg A/d Geul	520	395
Manoir "Inter Scaldas", Kruiningen	700	511
Hôtel De Swaan, Oisterwijk	545	410
Hôtel de Arendshoeve, Bergambacht	515	375
Auberge de Hoefslag, Boech en Duin	550	400
Hôtel De Wiemsel, Ootmarsum	550	375
Landgoed Lauswolt, Beetsterzwaag	490	365
GERMANY	**DEUTSCHE MARK (DM)**	
Fürstenhof Celle, Celle	610	457
Hotel Schloss Wilkinghege, Münster	420	295
Waldhotel Krautkrämer, Münster	420	345
Hotel Schloss Hugenpoet, Essen	675	560
Schlosshotel Lerbach, Bergisch Gladbach	600	450
Hotel Hohenhaus, Harleshausen-Holzhausen	560	420
Hotel Schloss Reinhartshausen, Ettville-Erbach	540/460	400/360
Pfaums Posthotel Pegnitz, Pegnitz	950	700
Wald & Schlosshotel, Friedrichsruhe-Zweiflingen	840	480
Hotel Eisenhut, Rothenburg	570	427.50
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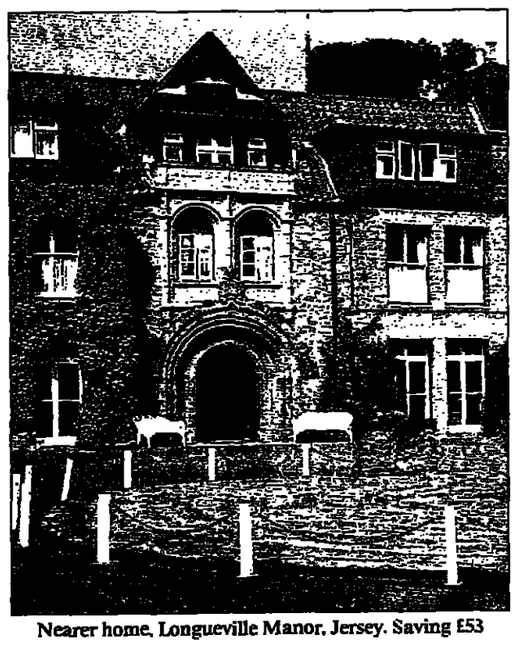
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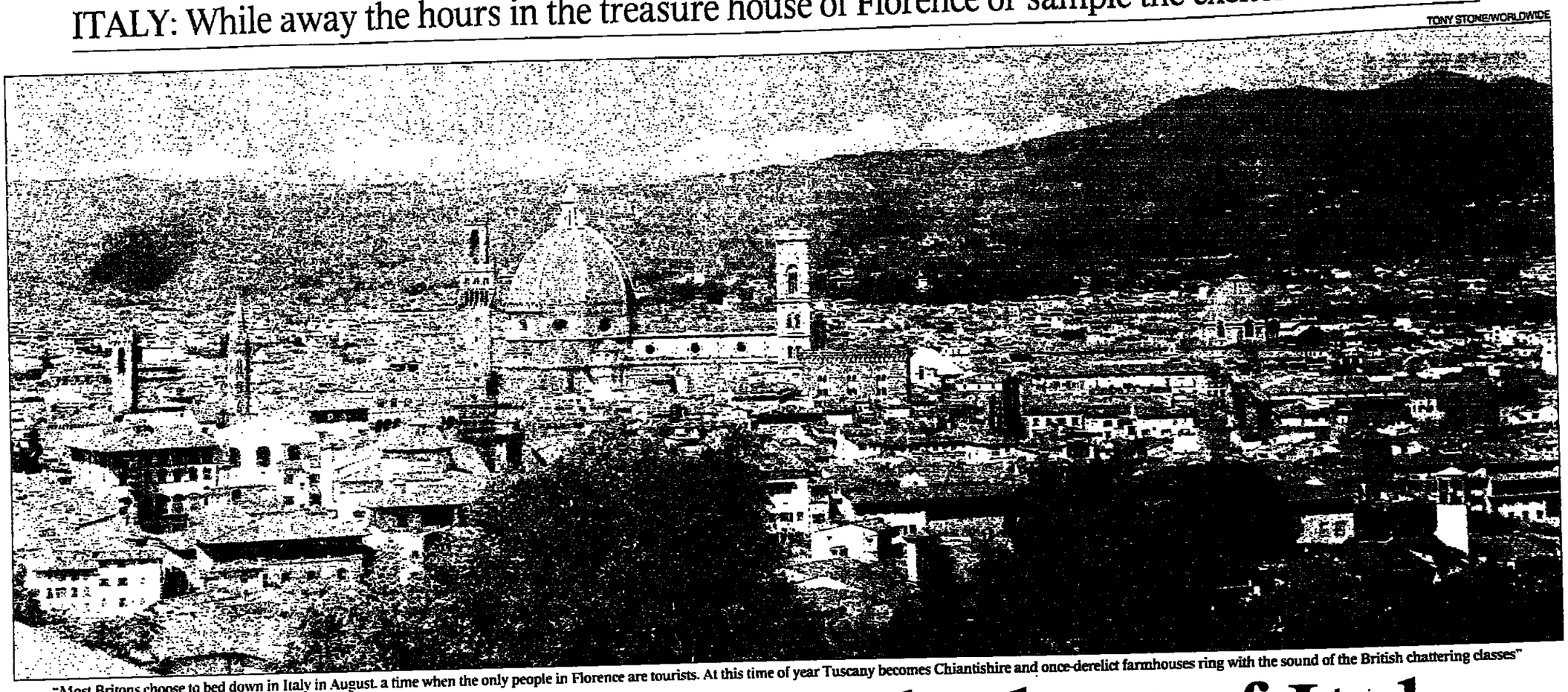
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ITALY: While away the hours in the treasure house of Florence or sample the excitement of Rome

TONY STONE/WORLDWIDE



"Most Britons choose to bed down in Italy in August, a time when the only people in Florence are tourists. At this time of year Tuscany becomes Chiantishire and once-derelict farmhouses ring with the sound of the British chattering classes"

Lie back and enjoy the best of Italy

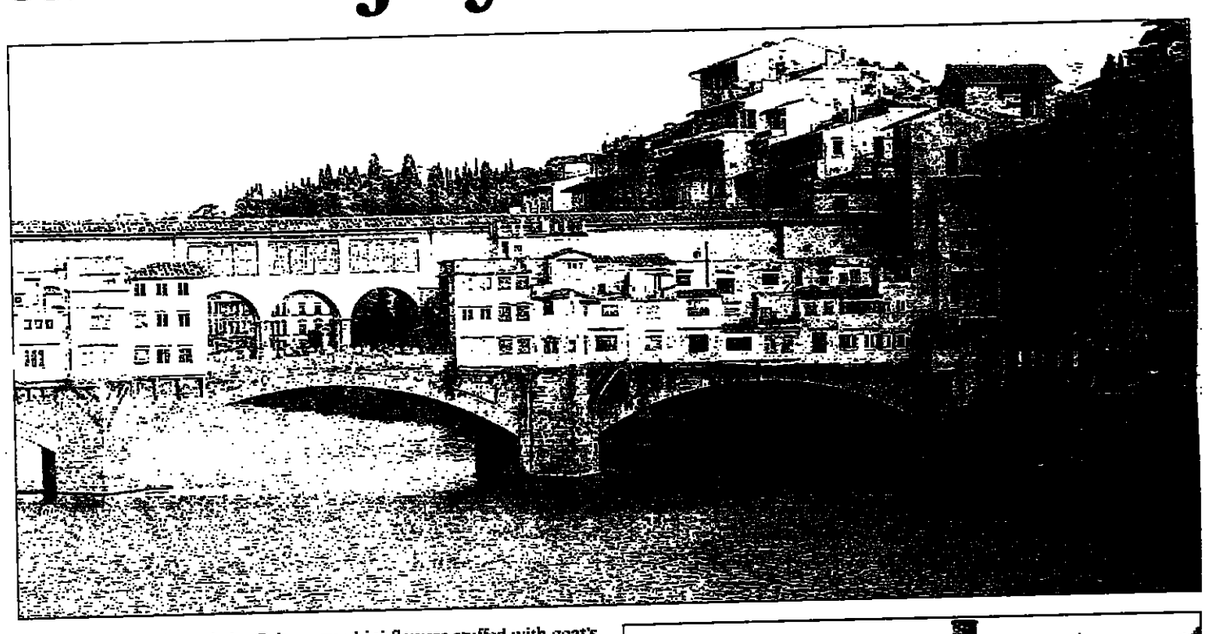
It is only back in London that I wonder why the British love Italy so much. When in Florence or in Rome there doesn't seem much point. After all, who in their right mind lies in a warm bath wondering why the sensation is so delicious? It is best to simply lie back and enjoy it.

Harold Acton, who made it a lifetime's work to become the quintessential Englishman at home in Italy, would no doubt have offered high falutin' reasons. Was it not Julius Caesar who first felt equally at ease in Corinium as at the Coliseum? And was he not the first role model for the cultured, cosmopolitan Briton? It is the culture, dear boy, the art, our buried classical roots that you find so embracing.

Yet the month that most Britons choose to bed down in Italy is August, a time when most Italians desert the heat of the city and head for the beach and when the only people in Florence are tourists. At this time of year Tuscany becomes Chiantishire and once-derelict farmhouses ring with the sound of the British chattering classes. Lately Umbria has followed suit.

The other weekend I went off for a few days to Florence and Rome and it was like falling in with old friends. From the Hotel Regency in Florence I made the short walk to the Duomo and the baptistry, the Uffizi and the Pitti, the Ponte Vecchio and the piazzas spilling over with the English sipping espressos. The Regency is a caricature of the sort of hotel the Brits love: lined with marble, solidly furnished and populated by porters in black and red striped waistcoats. At midday, when the city boils over in the heat, it remains cool and quiet, a perfect retreat from the mayhem and museum queues of the modern grand tour.







Above: Michelangelo's statue of David
Left: ruins on the Palatine Hill, one of the seven hills on which Rome was founded.
Far left: a guard on duty outside the Vatican.
Centre: the graceful Ponte Vecchio in Florence spanning the river Arno.

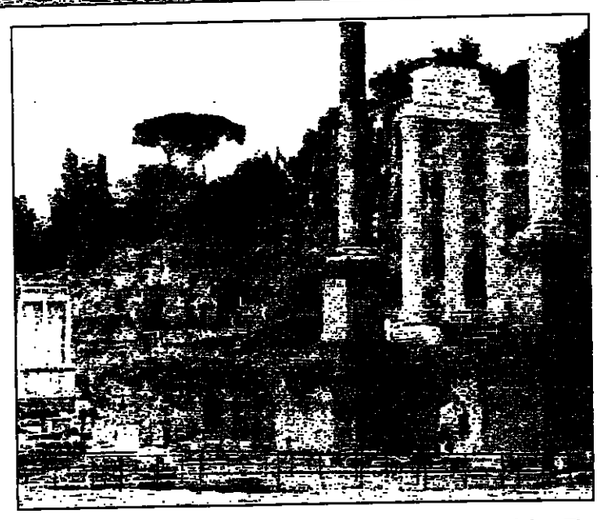


That evening I went north a little to Fiesole to have dinner at the Villa San Michele. This former Franciscan monastery boasts a façade attributed to Michelangelo, bedrooms adapted from monks' cells and a deep dining terrace which looks out over the rooftops of Florence. Where else except in Italy could you find a hotel lobby in a pewless chapel which still manages to give off an aura of divine decorum? After a glass or two of chilled spumante, some deep-fried zucchini flowers stuffed with goat's cheese, followed by sea-food ravioli and strawberry soufflé, I had edged a little closer to heaven.

The British divide between Florentines, such as Harold Acton, and Venetians, such as Lord McAlpine, the former treasurer of the Conservative Party. I am bound to Florence, through habit and a distant branch of my wife's family, which makes me related by a slender thread to a lot of impressive Florentine names including, as my former Westminster colleagues may not be surprised to hear, Niccolò Machiavelli. But I like Venice, too, especially in the cool, white light of winter, sitting with a *cappuccino* and a *bombolone* at a table in the Cipriani hotel, looking out across the lagoon to St Mark's.

But for excitement give me Rome. Milan may have the financial muscle, but no other city in the world proclaims through its monumental buildings that it is a world capital. Rome's empire may have passed, but it has left its mark on architecture, from the Reform Club to the Capitol. And unlike Florence or Venice, frozen as whole-city exhibits, modern Rome steams on, thriving in the midst of the old.

In Rome I stayed at the Lord Byron hotel, a cool bolt-hole a short cab-ride from the centre which offers such exceptional food that its restaurant quickly fills up with smart Romans. After dinner I headed for the Trastevere, an area like the Left Bank but with true working-class credentials. Roast pigs lay waiting to be carved on the stalls lining the street. Families promenaded together, long-suffering parents carrying tired children sucking sticks of pork crackling.



Left: amble around Rome's Piazza Navona, once an ancient athletic stadium, now a baroque masterpiece where the fountains are decorated with statues by Bernini. In this area you can trace the very roots of Western civilisation

Then I crossed the Tiber for a late-night amble around the Piazza Navona, once an ancient athletic stadium, now a baroque masterpiece with fountains by Bernini. Draw a circle a mile radius round this spot and you can trace the roots of Western civilisation.

While the poorer Romans stay in the city and swelter, the smart head for the sea. An hour up the coast, just south of Grosseto lies Monte Argentario, an island bound to the mainland by three causeways. There, past Porto Ercole, is the luxurious hidey-hole of Il Pellicano, a hotel built on a precipice. The landscape is identical to the Italian Riviera and there is the same devotion to good food and comfort. A discreet row of blue sunshades and sunbeds looks out to sea where guests compare tans and ease themselves into the deep, warm water.

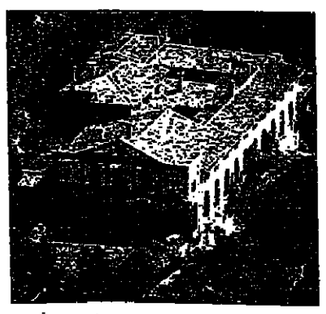
Of course, the Italian ultra-rich have no need for hotels; they own seaside villas. In the early 1960s John Paul Getty bought the 18th-century La Posta Vecchia at Palo Laziale, west of Rome. He filled it with antique furniture, pictures, tapestries and beautiful objects and oversaw excavations which revealed two earlier Roman villas.

Then in 1975, horrified at the kidnapping of his nephew, whose ear was sliced off by his abductors, Getty left Italy, leaving La Posta Vecchia intact. Now it is a hotel and offers a rare glimpse of the Italy of the films of Luchino Visconti: cool opulence, studied informality and restrained hedonism. The public rooms are large but not forbidding, the food, served on the terrace, is deceptively simple. And between the villa and the sea is a narrow strip of public beach, allowing the world of Visconti to gaze down on the humble characters preferred by Federico Fellini.

Italian politicans facing charges of corruption, among them the prime minister's brother Paolo Berlusconi, are seldom sent to prison to await trial; they are kept under house arrest while the prosecuting magistrates compile evidence against them. For those without a villa of their own, La Posta Vecchia is ideal for an extended period of domestic incarceration. Staying there may not delay the inevitable, but it would certainly make the most of those last months of freedom.

NICHOLAS WAPSHOTT

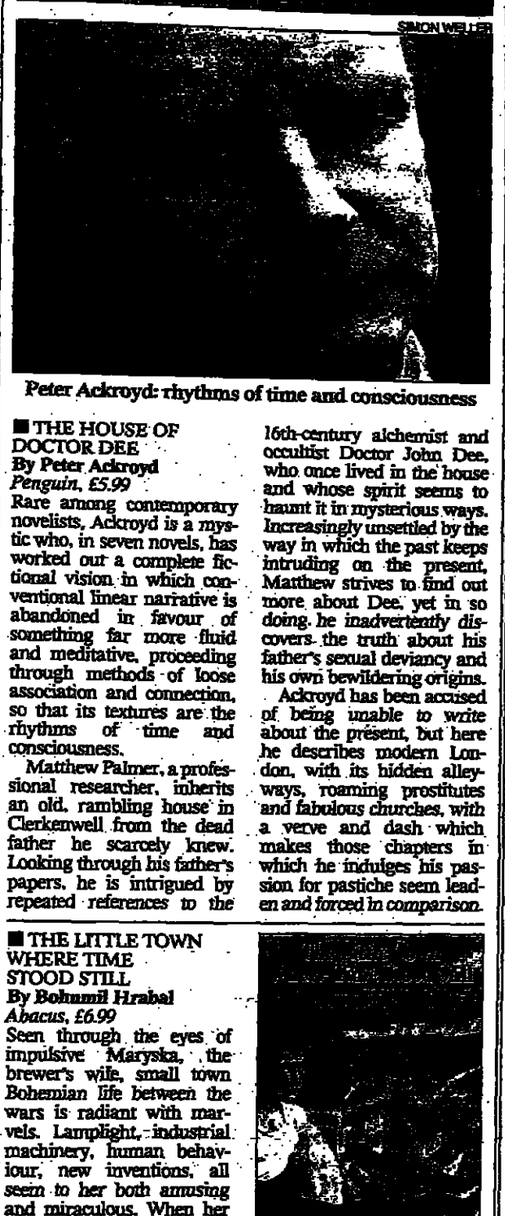
How to get there



☐ The author was a guest of Relais & Châteaux.

☐ Florence is an hour-and-a-half by train from Pisa airport. First class on Italian trains is cheap and recommended. The Hotel Regency is a taxi ride from the station. The Villa San Michele (left) is a taxi ride from the centre of town.

☐ The Posta Vecchia is to the west of Rome on the coast, 45 minutes by cab. Or fly to Fiumicino airport — the Posta Vecchia is 39km from there.



Peter Ackroyd: rhythms of time and consciousness

■ THE HOUSE OF DOCTOR DEE
By Peter Ackroyd
Penguin, £5.99

Rare among contemporary novelists, Ackroyd is a mystic who, in seven novels, has worked out a complete fictional vision in which conventional linear narrative is abandoned in favour of something far more fluid and meditative, proceeding through methods of loose association and connection, so that its textures are the rhythms of time and consciousness.

Matthew Palmer, a professional researcher, inherits an old, rambling house in Clerkenwell from the dead father he scarcely knew. Looking through his father's papers, he is intrigued by repeated references to the 16th-century alchemist and occultist Doctor John Dee, who once lived in the house and whose spirit seems to haunt it in mysterious ways. Increasingly unsettled by the way in which the past keeps intruding on the present, Matthew strives to find out more about Dee, yet in so doing, he inadvertently discovers the truth about his father's sexual deviancy and his own bewildering origins.

Ackroyd has been accused of being unable to write about the present, but here he describes modern London, with its hidden alleyways, roaming prostitutes and fabulous churches, with a verve and dash which makes those chapters in which he indulges his passion for pastiche seem leaden and forced in comparison.

■ THE LITTLE TOWN WHERE TIME STOOD STILL
By Bohumil Hrabal
Abacus, £6.99

Seen through the eyes of impulsive Maryska, the brewer's wife, small town Bohemian life between the wars is radiant with marvels. Lamplight, industrial machinery, human behaviour, new inventions, all seem to her both amusing and miraculous. When her son takes over the narrative, the times are changing. Armies come, the old order is dying, but his father, mother and uncle continue their hot-tempered, scandalous and eccentric engagement with daily life, as seen through the rose-tinted spectacles of memory. Hrabal's fine, funny novel is full of humanity and compassion.

■ THE LAST BURDEN
By Upamanyu Chatterjee
Faber, £5.99

A middle-class Indian family's history — full of secrets, misunderstandings and emotional blackmail — is remembered by Jamun as his mother lies dying. Jamun has his own reasons for guilt and remorse but is shaken by his mother's death-bed confidences. Chatterjee's passion for the English language is only too apparent here, in narrative so weighed down with fancy words for the simplest things that his tragi-comic insights into the banality of the human condition are very nearly drowned. An effortful novel with almost inaccessible charms.

■ THE LOVE BOOK
By Barbara Rowntree
Black Swan, £5.99

The faded watercolour on the cover alerts us immediately that we are in the land of the Aga saga. Three middle-aged women have been close friends since they were 11 years old. After a broken love affair, Chrissie marries a rich lawyer, and moves to an old rectory, complete with the requisite stove. Nell and Liz juggle busy lives, one as a successful London journalist, the other as a happily married psychiatrist in the north east. Enjoyable, but you wonder whether in real life three such different women really would stay friends.

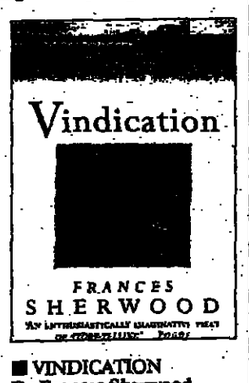
■ SUNSET ISLAND, SUNSET KISS, SUNSET DREAMS, SUNSET FAREWELL **By Cherie Bennett**
Virgin, £3.50 each

This bestselling American fiction series is aimed at teenage girls; these are the first four titles to appear in Britain. Three schoolfriends — one extrovert, one shy and one super rich — stay on an island off Maine one summer as au pairs. Away from home for the first time, the girls have their first experiences of beach parties and dreamy hunks in *Sunset Island* and further adventures in the other three. Full of cheeky teenage commentary on society at large, the stories also deal with serious issues such as divorce and rivalry over boyfriends. Ideal holiday reading for the younger set.



■ ESSAYS IN LOVE
By Alain De Botton
Picador, £5.99

This wry meditation on the fickleness of the human heart is very much a young man's book. Highly aphoristic, it monitors the love affair between two twenty-somethings, every detail of which from their first chance meeting on a plane to their final inevitable break-up is recorded and dissected with childlike relish. With his mix of naivety, lasciviousness and intellectual playfulness, De Botton sounds like a cross between Adrian Mole and a drunken Milan Kundera. A witty, speculative novel which, though marred by a haughty knowingness of tone, is worth reading.



■ VINDICATION
By Frances Sherwood
Phoenix, £6.99

Inspired by the life of Mary Wollstonecraft, author of *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* (1792), this fictional biography reconstructs the inner life of a complex figure. Idealist, melancholic, free-thinking contemporary and associate of Tom Paine, William Blake, Henry Fuseli and William Godwin, Wollstonecraft according to Sherwood spent her life on the rack between mind and body, experiencing almost all the most serious afflictions and weaknesses known to woman while ardently challenging inequality. A gripping read, full of romance, squalor, pathos and revolutionary fervour.

● *Contributors: Jason Cowley, Alison Burns, Helen Davidson, Caroline Jones*

Sit and watch as tears go by

Sixties wild child Marianne Faithfull reveals all about sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. **Ray Connolly** reads on



Mick Jagger and Marianne Faithfull in 1969, after being remanded on drugs charges

HER mother was an Austro-Hungarian baroness whose great uncle had given the word "masochism" to the world, who as a child was said to have had an incestuous relationship with her brother and who, in 1945, had been raped by Russian soldiers invading Vienna.

Her father was an eccentric English major who thought the answer to everything was good sex, a conviction he had inherited from his own father, a sexologist who had run off with a circus dancer and invented a frigidity machine to unlock libidinal energy.

Her name just had to be Marianne Faithfull — though *faithful was something she never was*; not to Mick Jagger, anyway, with whom she endured an entertaining notoriety 25 years ago, and after whom she descended into a wasteland of heroin addiction.

It started so well. She was beautiful and intelligent, a sixth-form convent schoolgirl from Reading, who in 1964 was seen at a party and summoned to a recording studio. The song she sang, "As Tears Go By", was the first ever written by Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, and for the rest of the 1960s her life would be intertwined with theirs. And it is that relationship, which makes easily the best part of this extraordinary, but uneven autobiography.

Because for the first sardonic, bleakly humorous 200 pages Marianne Faithfull gives an astonishingly honest and vital description of what it was like to be at the centre of that loony court of the hip, rich, vain and beautiful people of the 1960s, a hedonistic world of rock musicians who dressed like Regency bucks, druggy aristos, extravagant designers, LSD, half-baked pseuds, pushers and well connected layabouts.

Casually amusing about her enthusiastic sex life ("I was unable to say no to anyone in those days" — there was Gene Pitney, Hollies' star Allan Clark, folk singer Jeremy Clyde before she even got to Mick and Keith (though she only "diddled around a bit" with Brian Jones because he was so sedated by the Mandrax he was taking), her account of sitting with the other disciples at the feet of Bob Dylan at the Savoy Hotel is very funny. (No, she didn't go to bed with Dylan: he hinted, but for once in her life she seems to have hesitated, and the moment was gone. She's regretted it ever since.)

Of course the 1960s mystic magi-babble which decorates much of the prose here is as much a bore now as it was then, and the mountains of dope consumed (before she realises she has a drug problem) terrifying, but her assessments of Jagger (a dabbler, but basically very straight) and Richards are perceptive.

Richards she loved all the time she was with Jagger: there was no truth in the Mars bar story, although she did give the police a quick flash when Mick and Keith were busted for drugs; and, summoned by Mick to pine outside Lewes jail where he was being held, she hurried from her lesbian girlfriend, berated him in his cell for being a wimp and then left him to go to bed with a mutual photographer friend. Quite a girl!

She was obviously a hopeless mother (she lost custody of her son), selfish, ungrateful and always ready to take the next drug offered, but there is also a definite wild charm to someone so out of control.

The last third of the book, covering the quarter of a century since Jagger and the years of addiction, is less successful in that it reads as though someone left the tape recorder running and simply allowed her to waffle on. Still her accounts of living on the streets, a second suicide attempt and the suicide of a lover after she had told him she was leaving make extremely chilling reading.

With a little more thought, a tighter structure and a firmer editor to weed out the repetitions and occasional eccentric punctuations this could have been a very good book.

● *In the 1960s and early 1970s Ray Connolly's brief was to interview the young, successful and fashionable for the London* Evening Standard. *Marianne Faithfull was virtually the one pop star who eluded him. Now a novelist, his latest hardback is* Shadows On A Wall, *published by Bantam Press at £9.99*

■ FAITHFULL
By Marianne Faithfull with David Dalton
Michael Joseph, £15.99



At last in paperback

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SIXTY-EIGHT years after its first publication, G.J. Monson-Fitzjohn's *Quaint Signs of Olde Inns* is at last available in paperback. So too is P.H. Ditchfield's *The Manor Houses of England*, first published in 1910 and never reprinted since. They are part of an eclectic range of titles, which has been launched by Studio Editions, under the Senate imprint, into the increasingly lucrative cut-price reprint market.

All are first edition facsimiles and priced at £1.99 but, says Ken Webb, Studio's managing director, they are not fighting for the same niche as the 99p classics of Wordsworth and Penguin. "The 99p innovation was brilliant for the classics," he admits, "but I am keeping well away from them. Our editions are all of texts that were in the public domain, but they are not classic literature. Our main areas are mythology, topography, the occult, and natural history."

Can there be a market, though, for H.A. Guerber's 1907 work *Greece and Rome*, or Lewis Spence's *Introduction to Mythology* of 1921? "The last figure I heard for our 16 'Myths and Legends' titles," Mr Webb says, "was 286,000 sales in April, May and June." These are impressive figures, considering that £1.99 represents a more expensive book in the current reprint market. "99p is all very well if you can do print-runs of 50,000," Mr Webb says, "but it is very risky. £1.99 gives us an appropriate margin for profit and also endears us to the booksellers. Many have said that 99p does not provide them with enough revenue per square foot."

But who reads books called *Astrological Tarot, True Irish Ghost Stories*, or *Weather Lore*, by authors whose names have drowned in the rivers of time, only now to be soggily washed up on the shores of literature's bargain basement? "Our correspondence suggests a readership from students to the over-seventies," says Mr Webb, "the books provide easy reading and nostalgia. People like to read Edwardian English and they enjoy the way pages used to look."

Senate's triumph is to have concentrated on areas which their competitors have ignored. But is there no danger that Penguin might try to muscle in? "I don't think so," says Mr Webb. And then, after a pause, "I hope not."

GILES COREN

Spy Jack Ryan is back in another blockbuster from the Clancy pen

Passing the screen test

■ DEBT OF HONOUR
By Tom Clancy
HarperCollins, £16.99

WITH the Cold War definitely dead, refighting history has become the best bet for blockbuster-mongers. It is quite remarkable just how many thrillers published in the past six months have had a Nazi or two lurking in the wordpile.

Tom Clancy's latest magnum opus (and clocking in at 766 pages, I mean magnum) is an exception only up to a point. Here the resurgent villain is Japanese militarism.

On first impression, it would be easy to assume Clancy had overdosed on Michael Crichton, taking the overt theme of *Rising Sun* to its illogical conclusion. There are also strong traces of Paul Erdman's *Crash of '79* in his dramatic exploration of the powers that can force a stock exchange through the roof or through the floor.

But there are also elements of sexual scandal in high places that will leave Bill Clinton cringing, vignettes in Moscow and the Mariana islands, plus a few naval reprises from the *Hunt for Red October*.

Clancy's scattergun method of story-telling through chronological snapshots of action in different locations is calculated to build a feeling of fractured suspense, but I find it as frustrating as trying to recreate a piece of dough from strands of spaghetti.

Clancy's writing, in its determination to make the hardware as technically accurate as possible to compensate for the excesses of the plot, continues to be clogged with over-abbreviated technological references: from SOSUS and SubPac to AUTEC and "AN/BST-3 transmitters".

This is the sort of style that presents "The CINCs synched chronometers" as an exciting way of saying, "The commanders set their watches to the same time".

His characters are as black and white and wooden as ever — Jack Ryan, stripped of the life Harrison Ford can inject into him, is surely the most clean-cut, politically correct and downright dull espionage agent of all time. At least his present position, as the president's National Security Adviser means Ford's age will seem less implausible when playing him in the movie.

Clancy thrillers are expected to end up in Hollywood. These are big screen yarns with a cast of thousands, flashy hardware and a rattling good plot that, for all the deficiencies in the writing, keeps the reader wanting to know what happens next. His fourth book, *Clear and Present Danger*, was one of the biggest international sellers of the 1980s and the film is currently cleaning up at the box office in America. This one should head the same way, depending, that is, on the state of Japanese involvement in Tinseltown these days. Which, I suppose, is his point.

PETER MILLAR

● *Tom Clancy's* Without Remorse *has recently been published in paperback by Warner, £5.99.*



Tom Clancy: plot excesses



Fond memories: Mr Spock, communicator at the ready

Trekkers' delight

■ THE STAR TREK ENCYCLOPEDIA
By Michael Okuda, Denise Okuda and Debbie Mirek
Simon & Schuster, £12.99

TREKKERS — they hate being called Trekkies — come in various types, but the most fanatical have all the bright-eyed intensity of religious fundamentalists. *The Star Trek Encyclopedia* is set to join their canon, covering the entire panoply of that artificial universe from the first pilot to *Deep Space Nine*. No alien, planet or energy cloud goes undiscussed, not a sparrow falls from phaser fire without being reported and dissected. If you want to know what a Night-Blooming Throgni is, where it comes from, what episode it was mentioned in and what the darn thing smells like, this is the book for you. Klingon script, Romulan ale, Scotty's dilithium crystals and the poetry of John Masefield all get a mention.

The *Encyclopedia* has futuristic powers itself. Leave it lying around the office, and a strange rite will be enacted: a passer-by will pick it up and make some disparaging comment about sad anoraks. But will they put the book down again? No. Some time later — as long as half an hour — they'll have looked up their favourite episodes, reminded themselves what a communicator looked like and remembered that teenage crush on Uhuru or Spock. This is usually a good point to ask whether they want the address of the fan club. Don't forget to duck — the *Encyclopedia* is large and can cause bruising.

RUPERT GOODWINS

Triangle with a point

■ THE END OF VANDALISM
By Tom Drury
Minerva, £5.99

NORMALLY it is best to forget novels which have a map at the front and a list of characters at the back. Their presence usually entails the reader spending most of his or her time referring to them. This is not the case with *The End of Vandalism*. Originally serialised in the *New Yorker*, Tom Drury's tale depicts American Midwestern blue-collar life in Grouse County, which is small enough to make the map unnecessary after Chapter Two. Although the cast list contains 58 names, the book centres around only three of them. But it is not just geographical simplicity and a small population that makes this addictive reading: Drury tells this story of a love/hate triangle in a humorous manner that manages to be knowing yet not condescending.

The triangle consists of a thief and plumber called Tiny Darling, his former wife and photographer's assistant Louise, and the long-suffering Sheriff Dan Norman. Drury's account of their relationship is skilfully handled, at times moving, at others causing chuckles. Although his characters are memorable, the real star is Drury's style.

GUY WALTERS

Behind the idol chatter

■ HOT GOSSIP
By Deborah Lawrenson
Mandarin, £4.99

TAKE one new fact, preferably fresh and well sourced; mix in one or two older and reasonably relevant ones; add a sparkling quote or two from a public figure; garnish with a pinch of humour and there you have it — the perfect diary story. Serve immediately — or at least before your rivals do.

Unfortunately, a novel requires rather more in the way of ingredients and preparation, especially one like Deborah Lawrenson's *Hot Gossip*.

But even if her first novel is a little light on plot, her guided tour through the murky world of Fleet Street gossip columns as seen by Rosy Hope, a pretty young recruit to the Sword's Secrets column, will occupy a pleasant afternoon or two on the beach.

As you would expect from an author who spent five years working with Nigel Dempster, the book is rich on newspaper detail and well observed — although I have yet to work on a newspaper where everyone turns out to have a heart of gold.

Anyone hoping for a racy rerun of Julie Burchill's *Ambition* will be disappointed by *Hot Gossip*, where sex rarely rears its head. But that again is Lawrenson's authentic touch — if you eat as much, drink as much and stay out as late as the scribes here, it is sleep that is the stuff of a diarist's dreams, not nooky.

Lawrenson mixes fact and fiction with a fluency and lightness of touch, honed on a thousand diary stories. Anthony Sword and his deadly rival Benedict Pierce may or may not be Nigel Dempster and Ross Benson.

But I take exception with Anthony Sword, whom she describes, initially, as bearded and 25 stone. Bearded possibly (there are one or two precedents) but 25 stone? Diary editors are sylph-like — it's the worry, you know.

MATTHEW BOND

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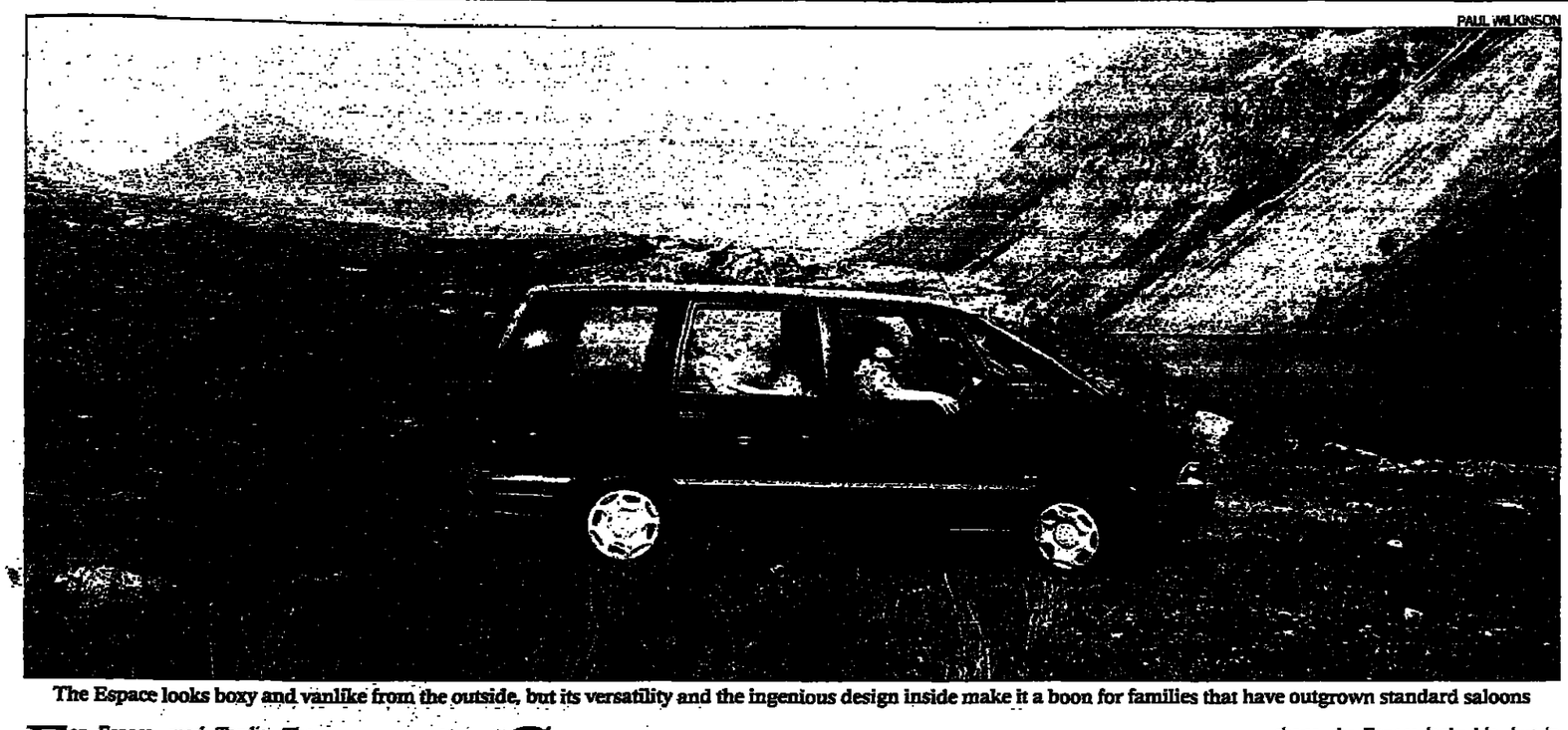
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The Espace looks boxy and vanlike from the outside, but its versatility and the ingenious design inside make it a boon for families that have outgrown standard saloons

Smart mover

The design of the Espace set the standard for the first generation of 'people-movers'. Ten years on, is it still leading the way?

For Espace, read Tardis. The Renault version of the "people-mover", as the motor industry likes to call this hybrid of an estate car and a mini-bus, certainly does seem bigger inside than out. It may not take you racing through time, but it can whisk you a long way, quickly and in comfort. It drives like a family saloon and yet it can carry a family of six, plus the gear for a self-catering holiday.

The two-litre version that my family took to the Lake District for a week was not perfect: the brakes were suffering from a previous hammering, and the ventilation was below par. But it was hard to find significant faults elsewhere — other than the boxy appearance that makes the Espace look like a van.

My family is made up of two adults, two teenagers, a four-year-old and a two-year-old. Before Renault came up with the Espace ten years ago, transporting a family of that size was not easy. Squeezing into the average saloon for even a short journey was impossible. Any idea of taking a week's essentials to a holiday cottage required Pickfords — or at least two cars and a trailer.

Virtually every manufacturer now has its own version of the Espace, but none has bettered it, even after all this time. Indeed, one competitor declined to put up its model for a comparative test on the ground that it was not designed for the same purpose.

Frankly, there does not seem to be a purpose for which the Espace was not designed. We were able to transport the family and all our holiday trappings across the country in comfort, using the seven-seat layout. Once in the Lake District, my 16-year-old son was able to rearrange the removable seats to provide three rows of two for everyday motoring. After our return home, I was able, by folding down the back seats, to create enough space to take a pine wardrobe for stripping.

The ingenuity of the interior design never ceased to dazzle. With the middle seats folded flat and the front one swivelled backwards, the family could picnic at a level table. The secret of the Espace is its versatility.



Room for all: the Wilkinson family in the Espace

The three-seat middle row and the rear pair come out to create a void 6ft long and 3ft 6in high. It provides the sort of load space found in a medium-sized van.

With one of the rear seats removed, we created enough room to take four suitcases, two grips, a travel cot, a baby buggy and assorted junk with us to the Lake District. Cavernous bins under the dashboard and in each front door accommodated a surprising amount of other stuff, from cameras to walking gear. The weight did slow acceleration and sharpen the braking skills, but the Espace still bowled along at a handsome pace once wound up. Renault boasts a top speed over 100mph, but we were happy at motorway limits knowing there was plenty of power left. The 17-gallon tank was enough for more than 600 miles' motoring.

Unloaded, the Espace was a quick vehicle for its size, with none of the skittish rear-axle problems frequently found among empty vehicles designed for load-carrying. Full or empty, there was little problem with the bends and hills of Lakeland lanes. Because of its high roof and boxy shape, the Espace looks big, but in fact there is little in length between it and most mid-range family estates, and parking is no problem.

Sadly, buying an Espace is no small matter. The cost starts at just under £17,000, but can rise by £10,000 through a 2.1 turbo diesel and larger 2.6 V6 petrol engines, packaged with various trims.

Among my family, the "people-mover" concept has found eager supporters. Moving furniture, taking the family on a trip or dropping children off at school on the way to do the shopping; it does the lot. We just wonder what we'll do without it.

Renault Espace 2.0 RT (as tested)

Price: £18,545 inc delivery, number plates, window security etching.

Engines: 1,995cc petrol injected, 105 bhp.

Features: Gargantuan interior, seven seats, front two reversible, rear five removable, electric front windows, power-steering, remote-control central locking, eight-year anti-corrosion warranty.

Performance: 0-60 mph in 12.2 secs. Top speed 107 mph.

Insurance group: 14 (15 for top-of-range models)

Fuel consumption: 36.2 at 56 mph.

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Sara Parkin has abandoned her car for public transport

WHEN Sara Parkin resigned as chairman of the executive of the Green Party in September 1992 and moved to Lyons, many thought that would be the last they would hear of the charismatic politician. Next month, however, Ms Parkin will burst back on to the international scene with a biography *The Life and Death of Petra Kelly* (Pandora, £14.99). Kelly was one of the driving forces of the European Green movement until she was murdered by her partner in October 1992.

Like all good environmentalists, Ms Parkin has abandoned her car for public transport.

How did you first learn to drive?
Having failed my test at 18 for "dangerous overtaking" (a manoeuvre I don't remember), I did not take the wheel again until I was 22. My boyfriend (now my husband) insisted that I pass the test so we could take it in turns to drink orange juice at parties.

What was your first car?
I drove my husband's split-screen Morris Minor until its rear half split from its front, and we traded it in for £10.

What car do you drive now and why?
I don't have one of my own. Until recently I drove a very elderly bright yellow Citroën 2 CV, covered with Green stickers. Last year the French introduced an MOT which rendered my car terminally unroadworthy overnight. I sold it for spare parts.

Do you enjoy driving?
No. I hate it. It's extremely tedious. I would rather read a book — and drink at parties.

STEERING COLUMN

Sara Parkin

What is your dream car?
As I don't know my Rovers from my Audis I can't say that I have one.

Which is your most hated car?
Peugeot 205 and its clones. The people who drive those cars are dreadful drivers.

What is your worst habit in the car?
None of course! But I do like to play music very loudly (especially opera, jazz and the Rolling Stones).

What infuriates you most about other drivers?
See reference to Peugeot 205 above.

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?
Do you know, I have done nothing more interesting than drive from A to B — occasionally via C.

If you were Secretary of State for Transport, what is the first thing you would do?
Provide Britain with a transport policy.

What is your most hated car advert?
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Summer was slow in coming this year but when it did, in late June to early July, threats of hosepipe bans in certain areas soon followed; Severn-Trent imposed a ban in part of its area on July 17. But at least the threat of such bans heightens awareness of the need to use water sparingly.

Planning can prevent the need for excessive or "panic" watering in the garden. Ensure the soil has maximum water-retaining potential by digging in natural compost and leaf mould. Mulches, from straw to wood bark chippings, prevent evaporation from the soil. They should be put on in spring, or when the ground is damp.

The choice and siting of plants are important. Plants put in during spring and early summer get their roots down before hot weather sets in. Hedges, trees and shrubs should be planted between October and March (as long as the ground is not frozen) when cool weather and plentiful moisture allow them to become established.



The Sprinkler Thinker

Hot, dry positions are best filled by the sun-loving plants, such as lavender and cistus; tree-shaded areas should be used for plants that like cool conditions.

Choice of plants is relevant when planting hanging baskets, pots or other containers, which are all thirsty. For instance, pelargoniums are far happier in hot, dry conditions than "Busy Lizzies".

When planting up containers, silica crystals help to lessen the need for regular watering; they retain drops of water and swell, and their moisture attracts the roots of plants. Arthur Bower's Quencher (£2.75) and Erin's Water Well (£2.15) are two widely available brands, one packet of either containing enough crystals for three average-size baskets.

Containers and beds can be watered while you are away on holiday with a computer-controlled irrigation system which, in theory at least, is economic with water, delivering it to each plant rather than to wide areas (check with your local water company that this system is permissible during a ban). Hozelock and Gardena sell battery-operated computer systems at £69.99 and £74.99 respectively. These fix to taps and have an outlet for attaching a hosepipe. A range of watering combinations covering seven days can be programmed, allowing for different watering periods each day. The Gardena system allows for six periods, the Hozelock three.

Both companies advertise their systems as ideal for use during holidays, but would be more effective if they operated for more than a week at a time. A better option may be the Sprinkler Thinker (£33.95), from the Water Works company, which programs water to go on and off once a day for a specified period, which continues daily until the device is reset.

Gardena's Holiday Watering Set (basic set, £54.99) may also be worth considering. An electric timer controls watering to one minute a day for as long as the water supply is connected, and permits the flow of water to three distributors, each of which has outlets for 12 pipes leading to drip pipes attached to pots. The kit is relatively easy to assemble, as long as you are able to gather your pots close together. The 100ft (30 metres) of drip pipe, which you have to cut to length and join between the outlet distributors and each pot, means that if you use the maximum 36 outlets each length is less than 3ft (one metre).

Micro irrigation systems aim for even more precise watering. Manufacturers say they are suitable for small gardens, greenhouses, containers and hanging baskets, individual borders and young hedges. Connected through a timing device or computer, these systems give individual plants regulated quantities of water.

Hozelock and Gardena offer starter micro system packs, each costing £39.99. Both contain a water pressure regulator and filter (to stop dirt blocking the tiny outlets), an assortment of lengths of pipe, joining units, corners of pipe, miniature water drippers and mist-spray nozzles.



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Although the micro systems are not hosepipes, and there has not been a test case, the Water Services Association says they would be covered in the legislation on bans which includes "a hosepipe or similar apparatus".

Basic methods are often the best. Soaker hoses — lengths of hose punctured with tiny holes to let out water — are an effective way to water a border. One of the best is Porous Pipe, (made from recycled car tyres); which can be worked off a rainwater butt or the mains tap. It comes with fittings for a tap or butt and pipe lengths ranging from 7.5m (about 24½ ft) at £10.99 to 100m (about 328ft) at £86.99.

And, of course, every garden should have rainwater butts.

☐ Gardena, 0462 686688. Hozelock: Prototype Communications, 0494 883228. Water Works: Andrew Hoper, 0202 600004. Prices quoted are recommended retail prices, including VAT.

☐ The Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) has a leaflet on sensible watering. Write to the CPRE, enclosing an SAE, at 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W OPP (071-976 6433). The CPRE has also produced a book, *Low-water Gardening*, by John H. Lucas (Dent, £15.99 hardback, £9.99 softback).

WEEKEND TIPS

- *Evergreen hedges, such as box and yew, can be clipped back to shape.*
- *Perennial border plants you have raised from seed will now be growing too thickly as seedlings in a tray; setting them out in rows will encourage strong, bushy plants for planting out in the autumn or spring.*
- *Sow pansy seed in a shaded frame; seedlings should be pricked out into small pots or cell trays and overwintered in a frame for spring planting.*
- *Hydrangeas which are in flower, such as* H. macrophylla *varieties, should be kept watered in dry weather.*

GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON
replies to readers' letters

Q This year my pink potentilla bush is flowering very poorly, and even some of the buds are turning brown without opening. The soil in my garden is light and we get little rain here, so I water well and feed with tomato food to encourage flower production. Have you any ideas for a cure? — Mrs Ann Snell, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

A The shrubby *Potentilla fruticosa* comes in various colours, from the common yellows to orange, white, pink and brick red. It does best in a cool, heavy, loam soil with a rainfall above 30-35in a year, where it will flower generously over a long season. For all your watering, I think your plant is disliking the dry hot weather and hot roots. In dry, east-coast Suffolk potentillas will never do as well as in damper areas. *Cistus x skanbergii* would be a much better bet for you.

Q People comment on our unusual elder tree. It has burnished red leaves and pinkish-coral flowers. Do you know its name? — Mrs J. Harrow, West Pennard, Somerset.

This is a form of the common elder *Sambucus nigra*, known as 'Guincho Purple', an excellent plant. It is as easy to grow, prune and propagate as the wild elder; as free flowering and berrying, as good for elderflower or elderberry wine, and is a fine foliage plant. In hot sun the leaves are almost black, and the pigment runs into the flowers, suffusing the creamy heads with winey pink — very telling against the dark foliage. Prune the elder hard enough to get vigorous foliage, but not so ruthlessly that there is no old wood left to produce flowers.

Q Can I prune my three-year-old plants of lodgepole pine and Norway spruce to improve the shape? — R.F. Hutchison, Crumlin, Co. Antrim.

A If they are growing well, forest conifers such as pines, firs and spruces, should need no pruning to keep them in good shape. If they do, something is not quite right. They ought to be fast-growing pyramids with a strong central leader. Dry stony soil can cause lean, mean growth, and shade can cause thin, spindly growth. All I would do to such conifers is (eventually) remove the lowest ring of branches to facilitate the control of rank grass. If the leader is broken for any reason, and several new ones form, I prune to select a new one, or if none appears I scrap the tree and plant another, at once.

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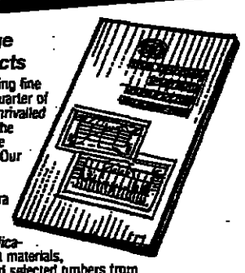
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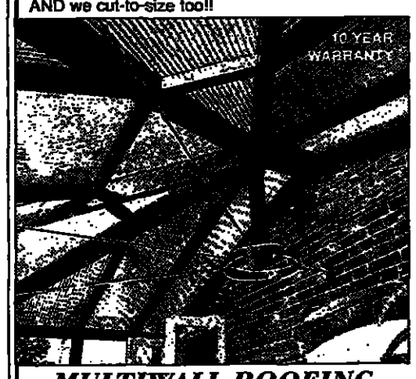
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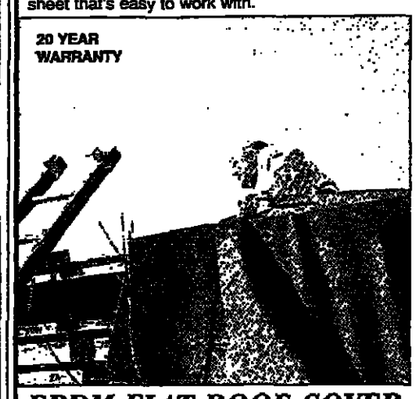
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BALLOONING: Six friends and a pilot take a celebratory trip over the Cotswolds in a willow basket

GRAHAM WOOD



The hot-air balloon is keen to leave the ground even when half-filled with cold air



"Arranged like a mixed half-case of wine in an oversized picnic hamper" are, from left, Tim Graham, Nancy Patton Wood, Graham Wood, Eileen and Tom Graham

The wedding anniversary with a lift

"If it starts to lift you off your feet, just let go," shouted our balloon pilot, Christopher Sanger-Davis, over the roar of the fan.

"Oh, great," moans Eileen.

We are struggling to hold the balloon's mouth open for the hot air to enter. Even on the ground, half-filled with cold air, the balloon makes it hard for us to stay on our feet.

Christopher lets the gas burner rip. The envelope — pilot talk for the balloon — rises. The lines jerk out of our hands as the willow gondola rights itself. Fan off, pilot into the gondola, more flame. The basket leaves the ground. A scrum as we six passengers clamber in over the sides. A fleeting mental image of Dorothy missing her ride out of Oz.



Once "over the rainbow" the champagne is opened

Another burst of flame that warms our hair and we dangle between heaven and earth, our last tie a rope knotted on to the bumper of a Land Rover. Yet more flame. A snap of the clip and we're off.

With one great upbeat, we are a thousand feet over the Cotswolds. The Cheltenham racecourse contracts to the thickness of a piece of thread. The hulking Land Rover, our recovery vehicle, shrinks into a novelty from a Christmas cracker.

My husband Graham and I had decided to celebrate our first year of marriage with this hot-air-balloon ride. Best man and wife, Tim and Eileen Graham, and their children, Lucy and Tom, came along for conviviality and ballast. We settled on Lucknam Park Hotel, Wiltshire, with its helipad, for our ballooning weekend.

As B-Day approached, seven pairs of eyes anxiously studied the weather maps. Calls were made to the meteorological office.

Late on Saturday night, Christopher rang. The good news: the launch was on for Sunday morning at six. The bad news: if we took off from the hotel, as planned, westerly winds would blow us into the restricted airspace of RAF Lyneham. So we agreed an alternative launch site an hour's drive north, suspiciously convenient for Christopher's own home.

Which is how we six, arranged like a mixed half-case of wine in an oversized picnic hamper, come to be wafting over Broadway Tower before breakfast. We are engrossed in just looking: at the toy houses, the fleeing sheep, the pin-striped fields, the Hockney-coloured swimming pools, a pair of foxes, a patch of tents.

While we are pointing in all directions, Christopher is hard at work. He has one eye on his satellite navigation system and the other on a heavily annotated Ordnance Survey map. While he chats with Steve, who was following us in the Land Rover, on the air-band radio, he tops up the envelope with blasts from the gas burner.

"Want to see something?" he asks.

An extended shot from the burner, and we're up through a hole in the clouds, over the rainbow, a mile high. We throw a perfect balloon-shaped silhouette on to the chalky clouds below.

Breathtaking. Amazing. We've run out of adjectives, or at least five of us have. Eileen has her eyes anxiously shut. She's clinging to Tom's hem to stop him leaning out too far.

Suddenly — and this can't be good news for Eileen — there's a loud pop nearby. Christopher has uncorked a bottle of champagne. He pours it into six Charles and Di wedding goblets. We toast happy anniversaries, and our shadows toast as well.

When we drop below the ceiling again we spot at least eight other hot-air balloons in flight. We drift between Chipping Campden and Broad Campden. We scan for crop circles. Post-champagne, even Eileen is enjoying herself.

> "A mile high and we throw a perfect balloon-shaped silhouette on to the chalky clouds below. Breathtaking"

Far, far too soon for all of us, Christopher barks: "Landing positions!"

We crouch, braced for an almighty thump. Instead, we make land with a tiny rebound. The basket tips. The balloon collapses with a sigh.

We're on set-aside land next to a farmhouse. Steve is nearby. "I hope we won't have trouble with this farmer," Christopher mutters. "We need to get the car in."

"Oh, look," I chirp. "He's just going to unlock the gate. What a nice man."

The radio crackled. "Steve here," it said, "the farmer just padlocked the gate and says he needs twenty quid to get it off."

Christopher swears. "In five hundred hours of flying, this has never happened."

We wriggle out and stow the balloon. Finally, Christopher is dispatched with a £20 note in his hip pocket and a brow like thunder. Fifteen minutes later he's back, a bit calmer. It seems that another balloonist knocked a hole in the farmer's fence and left without repairing the damage. Oh. He'll mark this field with N/L for 'No Landing' on his map for next time.

As we head back to Cheltenham to our cars and breakfast, I'm still in the clouds. You only need 16 flight hours for a private balloon pilot's licence. Every hour in the air counts. I've just done two.

"Let's do this every year," Tim proposes. Fourteen hours to go at two hours a year. At this rate, 2001 should be a very good year indeed.

NANCY PATTON WOOD

Fact file

☐ Nancy Patton Wood flew in a six-passenger Thunder and Colt 120 balloon with Regency Balloons of Cheltenham (0242 261119). Flights, which vary in duration according to conditions, can be booked throughout the year, depending on weather. Fees start at £90 per person.



☐ The party stayed at Lucknam Park Hotel, Colerne, Wiltshire SN14 8AZ (0225 742777). £150 per double room per night. Leisure breaks cost £225 per person for two nights including dinner.

☐ For information about ballooning in your area contact the British Balloon and Airship Club, Wellington House, Lower Icknield Way, Longwick, Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire HP27 9RZ (0604 870025).

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 25

KLOOF

(a) In South Africa: a deep narrow valley; a ravine or gorge between mountains. From the Dutch *Kloof*, a cleft. 1849, E. Napier: "On a nearer approach, dark glens and gloomy 'kloofs' are found to furrow the mountain sides."

HYPAPANTE

(c) A festival commemorating the meeting of the infant Jesus and his mother with Simeon and Anna in the Temple. From *hypantē* meaning a coming to meet. 1646. J. Gregory: "The Arabic Translation of this constitution hath more Holiedaies than the Originall, and the Hypapante for one."

SHENG

(a) A Chinese wind instrument. It is assigned by the notation to a certain level of the voice, consisting of 13 pipes of different lengths. From the Chinese *sheng*. "The concertina was inspired by the Cheng."

WETA

(b) The Weta, a suspicious-looking scorpion-like creature, apparently replete with "high concocted venom", but perfectly harmless. Any of several wingless orthopteran insects of the genus *Deinacrida*, *Pachyrhamma*, or *Hemideina*. "It's only a *Weta*!"



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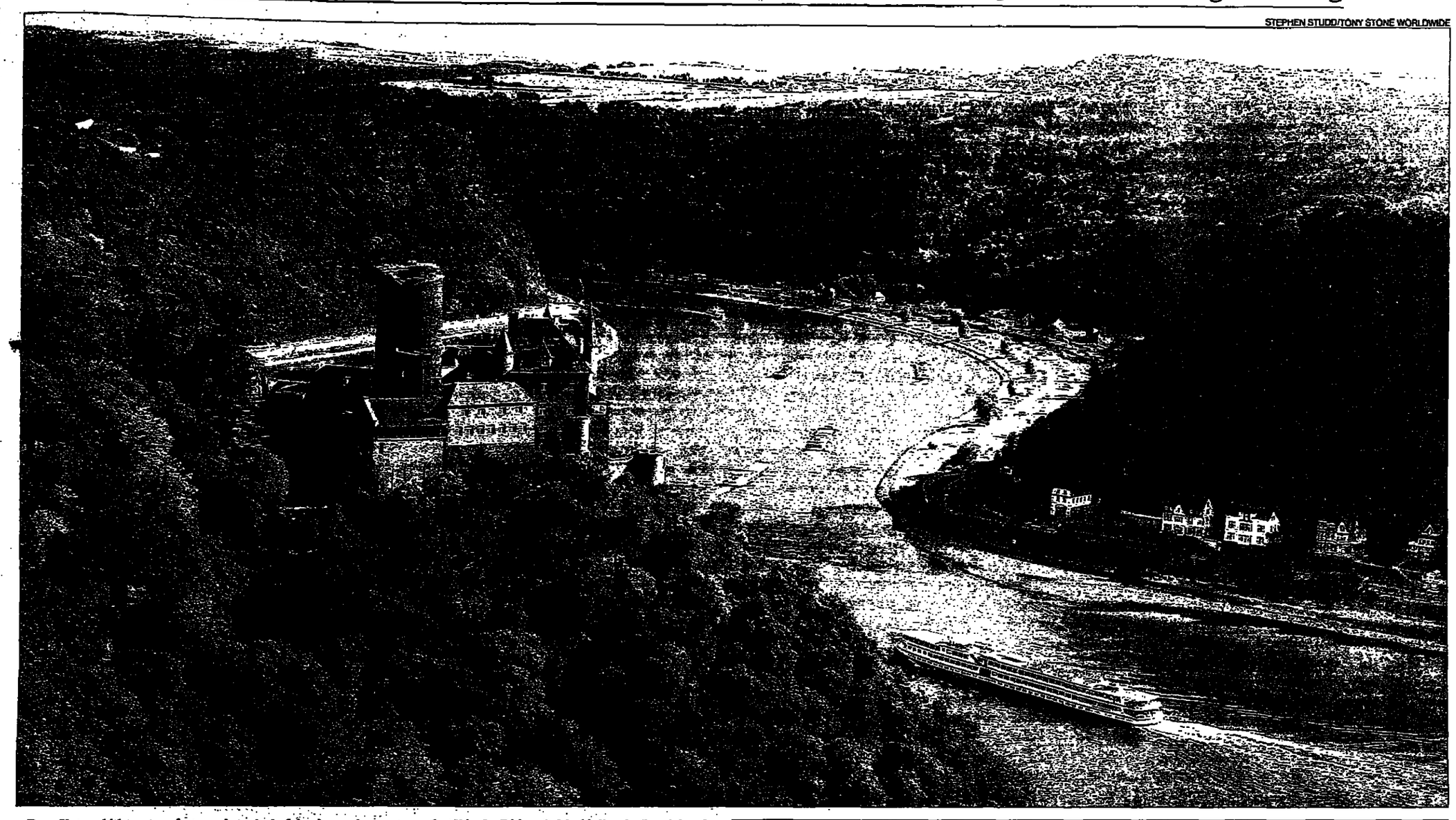


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Burg Katz, a 14th-century fortress, is typical of the dramatic structures that line the Rhine. Behind it lies the Lorelei rock

Recline on the Rhine

Every bone in my body ached for a quick rest-cure. A health spa might have done the trick but I needed pick-me-up views, not steam-room fug. Abandoning the idea of "taking the waters", I decided to travel the waters — on a lazy river cruise through Europe's green heartland.

The fast-flowing Rhine is still a working thoroughfare with regular traffic plying a 520-mile stretch between Amsterdam and Basel. From April to October, industrial barges are accompanied by KD River Cruises' floating hotels with their spick-and-span white and red liveries.

KD has operated a riverboat fleet on the Rhine since 1826 — even before P&O began deep-sea cruising. Queen Victoria was the first of many heads of state to cruise with the company. Since then, the fleet has carried thousands of passengers along the Rhine, the Elbe and the Danube.

This is not the most satisfactory way to travel if it rains. And if you're expecting glitzy nightlife, unforgettable encounters or wild shore excursions, this isn't for you.

The average age of KD cruisers is 55 plus. Most are retired couples who have come for a hassle-free holiday. With no travelling arrangements to make, apart from booking an all-inclusive package (or a cruise plus flights), they come to imbibe the scenery, castles and local wine while enjoying abundant food and attentive service on board.

I travelled aboard the *MS Deutschland*, which has a large indoor observation lounge, a separate television/reading room, seductive bar and airy restaurant. The sun deck carries a heated swimming pool and deck chess and there is a sauna and sun-bed quarter down below. The best cabins are reasonably roomy with large rectangular windows rather than portholes. Each has pull-out wall beds, a sofabed, colour television, table, chair, shower, basin and toilet. The beds are fairly comfortable but if you want a lie-in, earplugs are invaluable.

I joined the ship at Cologne following a 1½-hour flight from Heathrow, but regretted not spending longer in the city than a single evening. Cologne merits exploration, not least for its cathedral which soars skywards from a pedestrianised precinct, while *al fresco* bars and restaurants lining the cobbled streets in the Altstadt (old town) buzz with multi-national chatter.

Next morning the ship sailed at 7.30am which meant that a breakfast of watermelon, rolls and coffee could be taken as the banks of the Rhine slipped slowly past.

We moored three hours later at *Königswinter*, a day-trippery village guarded by the Drachenfels (Dragon's Crag) which can be ascended by rack railway. Legends swirl around this part of the Rhine as thick as its morning mists. The Drachenfels is associated with the hero Siegfried who supposedly killed a dragon that lived in a cave on the crag. The only beast we saw was a green plastic one being ridden by a child at the inevitable clifftop café. But we enjoyed panoramic views from the ruined 12th-century castle, peering down over vineyards on the lower slopes which looked, from our pinnacle, like neat hair-partings.

From Königswinter the landscape becomes lusher, with pointy roofed houses appearing among the oaks, sycamores, poplars and copper beeches. Don't expect to gasp at the views: the Rhine has subtler treats in store. Blink-or-you-miss-it glimpses surprise and delight — a stripy circus Big Top, a shrine carved into a rock face, crenellated hilltop castles, a turret here, a pointed gable there.

Then there's the river life — birds (binoculars are useful) and working barges on which whole families live, with car and bicycles on board. The scenery unravels as if on slow-speed video film.

With a different mooring each evening, KD cruises offer a good balance between time afloat and time ashore. At Deutsches Eck (German Corner) the river is joined by the Moselle tributary. It was here at Koblenz that the publishing house of Karl Baedeker was based in the 19th century. Today, the town is a leading centre for the Rhine's wine trade. We strolled along the waterfront to the Weindorfin, a square of half-timbered inns where you can drink outdoors to the strains of the Gunter Schmidt Sextett (sic).

Indeed the villages along the Moselle read much like a wine list: Zell, Krőv, Bernkastel-Kues, Piesport and Trittenheim. Here the landscape is a soothing blur of wooded hillsides and vertigo-inducing terraced vineyards punctuated by church spires and huddled slate-roofed villages.

We visited Cochem, a *Hotel du Lac* kind of river-resort stuffed with delicatessens, beer kellers and souvenir shops. You can climb to the castle or loll at a riverside café sipping a dry white Moselle whose grapes grew a pip's throw from your table.

Along the stretch of the Rhine between Koblenz and the wine-producing town of Rüdesheim, are dramatic Gothic castles, their exaggerated pointed silhouettes straight out of *Grimm's Fairy Tales*. No wonder the Rhine abounds with folk-stories such as the Lorelei, a nymph who lured boatmen to their destruction with her singing.

A visit to the 13th-century Marksburg castle, with its period furnishings and impressive armoury collection, gives some idea of medieval life on the middle Rhine. Then you can relax in the on-board sauna which, although unbearably hot, is nowhere near as uncomfortable as the castle's grim torture chamber.

Transferring by coach to Frankfurt's gleaming airport, a comfortable British Airways flight whisks you smartly back to the 20th century.

NICOLE SWENGLEY

Fact file

☐ The author was a guest of British Airways (0345 222111) and KD River Cruises. For details and reservations, contact G A Clubb River Cruise Agency (0372 742033).

☐ From June to October, KD's two-night cruises from Cologne to Frankfurt cost from £200, (return flights to Cologne from Frankfurt cost from £102); two nights from Strasbourg to Cologne from £284 (return flights from £322); four-night cruises from Cologne to Basel from £535 (flights from £297).

☐ A seven-day "Rhine À La Carte" cruise from Cologne to Basel including flights costs from £1,040 from June to October. Prices include full board and transfers but day excursions are extra.

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THE ITINERARY

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DAY 2 Mahe Drive to a first class hotel for an overnight stay. Day at leisure.

DAY 3 Mahe Morning drive around the island of Mahe. After lunch embark on the Caledonian Star and sail in the late afternoon.

DAY 4 Praslin-La Digue Renowned for its staggering beauty the Vallee de Mai is a climax palm forest of towering trees producing the famous coco de mer. We will walk its paths looking out for the rare black parrot and enjoying its natural beauty which so overpowered General Gordon. During lunch we will sail across to nearby La Digue, an enchanting island that can only be explored on foot, oxcart or bicycle. Here you will find some of the most beautiful beaches imaginable, made all the more dramatic by their unusual gigantic granite outcrops.

DAY 5 Aride This important sanctuary is home to over a million seabirds. Formerly a plantation island it was purchased by the Cadbury family in 1973 and later donated to the Royal Society for the Conservation of Birds.

DAY 6 Desroches Here the 18 souls who inhabit the island and work the plantation are always pleased to see the Caledonian Star on her 3 or 4 yearly visits. Desroches is idyllic and breathtakingly beautiful. It is a little green gem of an island surrounded by turquoise waters and coral reefs.



DAY 7 Farquhar Anchoring off Farquhar, we will use our Zodiacs to explore the sparkling lagoon of this remote atoll ringed island of coconut and casuarina trees. Here we will also find the single administrator of the island who is kept busy by also being the boatmaster, storekeeper, accountant, postmaster, doctor, policeman and some time priest.

DAY 8 Aldabra In the afternoon we shall arrive at the extraordinary natural treasure of Aldabra. Made up of more than a dozen islands encircling an immense tidal lagoon, it is said to be the earth's largest atoll, uninhabited except for a scientific station which is manned for part of the year. Perhaps best known for its giant land tortoises whose population exceeds 150,000. Unchanged for millions of years these creatures are found in their natural state only here and in the Galapagos. There is also an abundance of birdlife including huge breeding colonies of terns, frigates and boobies, large flocks of migratory birds from Eurasia, and unique species such as the Aldabra drongo, Aldabra spcred ibis and White-throated rail, the only surviving flightless bird in the Indian Ocean.

DAY 9 Aldabra More forays ashore by Zodiac exploring the 50 square mile lagoon and its mangroves.

DAY 10 At sea

DAY 11 Zanzibar Old Zanzibar with its winding streets, white-washed houses and ornately carved doorways, is little changed from the days of Burton, Speke, Livingstone and Stanley, all of whom launched their expeditions from here.

DAY 12 Mkwaja-Pangani River Go ashore by Zodiac onto the dazzling white sandy beaches of Mkwaja. We hope to visit a working ranch and plantation before sailing over lunch to the mouth of the Pangani River where we will explore the banks of the river for wildlife.

DAY 13 Mafia Island Under the Shirazis from the 12th to 14th century the island became an important settlement. Today Mafia is covered by coconut palms and cashew trees established by the Omanis in their Zanzibar heydays. It is a peaceful island favoured by serious deep sea fishermen, divers and is a breeding ground for giant turtles which come up onto the white coral sands to lay their eggs.

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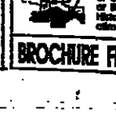
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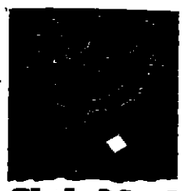
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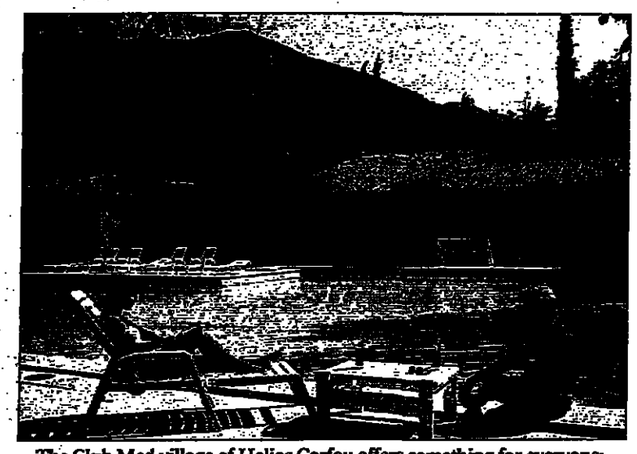
TODAY and over the next two weeks, *The Times* is offering its readers the chance to win one of two Club Med Holidays, and £100 worth of traveller's cheques a day by solving *The Times* Crossword Challenges. Today and next Saturday, the Weekend section will be publishing a travel crossword grid. The first six clues of each crossword will appear on Saturday with the grid. The remaining 30 clues will be published on Monday to Friday of the following weeks, six clues each day.

Today's crossword is about Greece, and we are offering readers the chance to win a holiday for two to the Club Med village of Helios Corfou, on Corfu, a picturesque island with countless secluded sandy coves. The village is located on Nissaki Point, 25km from the capital Kérkira. It offers air-conditioned accommodation, three restaurants, a nightclub and a sports centre, the Pirgi Centre. At the village you can relax by the pool or enjoy watersports which include: snorkelling, sailing and waterskiing. The Pirgi Centre is 15km from the village (complimentary shuttle service). Here you will find a swimming pool, ten tennis courts, a golf practice range, an archery range, a volleyball court and a pétanque pitch. The prize includes flights and transfers, full board, including wine with meals, sports activities, sports tuition, evening entertainment and insurance.

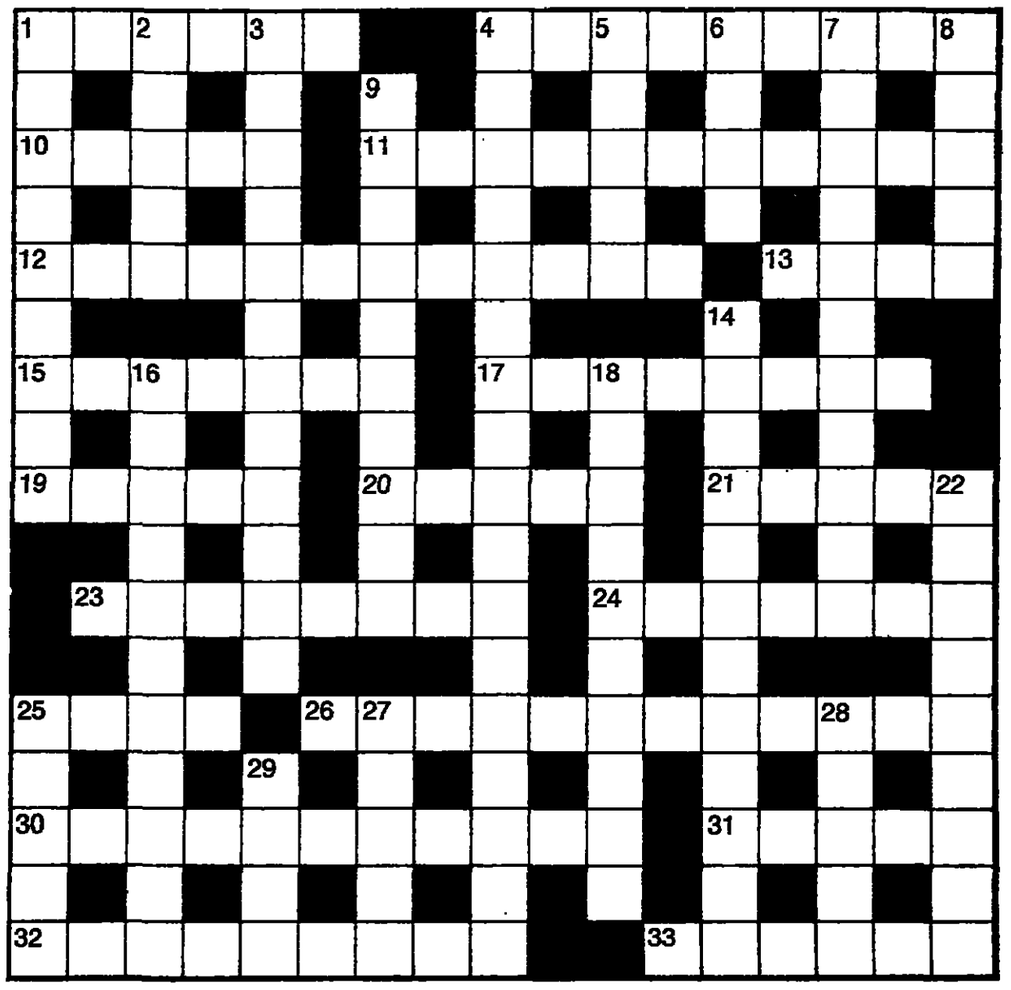
To enter, answer the first six clues printed today and put the answers on to the crossword grid. Every day next week we will publish six more clues. When you have solved all the clues, complete the grid and send it with your name, address and daytime telephone number to: *The Times* Crossword Challenge (2), 30 Bouverie Street, London, EC88 4NG, to arrive no later than August 26. The winner will be selected from all correct entries received after the closing date, and notified by post. Normal Times Newspaper competition rules apply. Every reader who enters *The Times* Crossword Challenge will receive a £100 Club Med voucher, redeemable on your next Club Med holiday.

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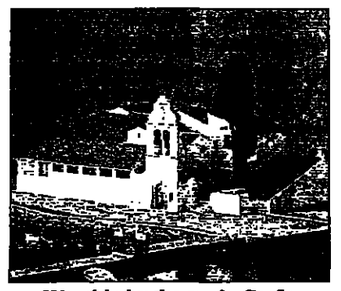
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THE FIRST SIX CLUES

ACROSS

1 Practise boxing with volunteer fighters from Greek city-state (6)
10 Fate in Greece clearly seen in memoir as written (5)
15 Strongly encouraged *Independent* to suppress quote (7)

DOWN

1 Plato reported this party conference (9)
2 *It may damage friendship* (5)
3 Beggars' gang comes with hesitation to merchant vessel (5,7)

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☐ Vermont's autumn lasts around six weeks, starting from early September; red maples in the north near the Canadian border are the first to change colour. A "fall planning kit" with lodge addresses and a calendar of events is available from Vermont Department of Travel & Tourism (0101 802 828 3236 Ext R504 or fax: 3233).

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☐ Wild mushroom pickers in France can check whether the mushrooms are safe to eat by taking samples to the nearest pharmacist, many of whom are trained to identify dubious species.

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ATTRACTIVE 60s widow, Oxford, enjoys writing, the arts, opera, sport, travel, seeks comparable, prosperous, fit, kind, academic/professional male. Reply with photo to Box 9829

ATTRACTIVE blonde solicitor based North of England 44 n/s loves countryside animals seeks caring relationship with considerate affectionate man. Please Reply to Box No 9969

ATTRACTIVE Continental lady, early 50s seeks an unattached gentleman for company and romance in Kent area. 5'10" +, N/S, 50-60. Box No 9885

ATTRACTIVE, sensuous, brunette, music lover, Hants based seeks sincere, kind gent 60-65 to share good things in life Reply to Box No 9929

ATTRACTIVE, feminine, prof. blond female, 34, seeks romantic, caring, kind, prof male (35-45) for love & commitment. Photograph app Box No 9947

ATTRACTIVE petite 40ish ex of a Hosp. Cons seeks caring 50ish Medic. Nth M1/London. Please Reply to Box No 9994

AUSTRALIAN? Business in Melbourne? I am looking for one good man to fill the recently created hole in my beautiful intelligent 38yr old daughters life. Reply to Box No 0028

AUTUMN has arrived & winter will soon set in. Are you a male on your own between 50 · 56 of med built, prof. serious but SOH, a n/s, do you enjoy good food in pleasant company & warm surroundings do you like classical music a little travel & peace? If yes, there is a reward for you for I like to know more about you Please write encl. photograph. ALA. Box No 9965

BASKING in Greek sunshine Brunette, 44, slim, v.petite fem. adores Bach. NW based. Seeks N/S prof gent, young 40's to share concerts, romantic eves on return Box No 9747

BEAUTIFUL sophisticated Sunni Muslim female 25yrs slim 5'7" highly ed. cultured & from secure & respectable background. Sincere lovable & affectionate vivacious GSOH with modern & Islamic values. S.E. based. Seeks similar male Brit. Nat'onal prof. 28-34yrs for marriage Ret photo app Please Reply to Box No 9787

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COSMOPOLITAN 40ish attractive stylish widow ready to start afresh. Friends abound but mostly couples and I miss male company. Am well travelled /educated/spoken, comfortably solvent seeking friend/companion to enjoy with me finer things in life. Full time commitment not essential but sense of humor and photo are London/North Home Counties. Please Reply to Box No 9933

COUNTRY walks, pubs, antique/junk browsing, architecture, history & art. London based Over 50 happy divorcee seeks man with Woody Allen SOH. Please Reply to Box No 9888

CREATIVE arts grad 37, elegant 5'9", adventurous spirit, seeks free thinking, caring n/s cosmo male for mutual growth /commitment. London area. Photo app.Reply to Box No 9809

DESPERATELY seeking simple, fun loving lover and companion for 40 something, reasonably fit, separated, financially secure, n/s 6' 1" human. Into skiing, squash, old cars, cooking, concerts, travel etc. High powered intellectuals, workaholics & flautists need not apply. Hants/Sussex coast. Please Reply to Box No 9930

DO ordinary, genuine men read this column? Interesting, articulate men; kind, happy gentleman who live in the south, possess a sense of humour, who would enjoy the odd 'mad' surprise like a moonlight picnic, walking barefoot on the grass, building a snowman, sharing a sunset. If so, one warm, happy, midfifties lady who has most things in life except fun, hugs, laughter, would like to hear from you. Hopefully we can share, either as friends or partners, a slightly disgraceful middle age and whatever else life throws at us. Please Reply to Box No 9762

EAST MIDLANDS Sophisticated lady blonde very good-looking 5'6" loves aqua diving. Seeks professional n/s gentleman 36-40 for serious relationship. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 0017

"HAPPY, romantic blonde, 33, seeks partner, Richmond area." Reply to Box No 0004

EAST MIDLANDS Sophisticated lady blonde very good looking 5'5" loves aqua diving. Seeks professional n/s gentleman 35-40 for serious relationship Photo appreciated Please Reply to Box No 0017

ELEGANT, educated, attractive, slim 5'9" widow, 55 years young Seeks tall, intelligent, genuine, succesful prof/ businessman 50-60 years London/Southern home counties Recent photo essential Reply to Box No 9836

ELIGIBLE 60yr old widow with left over time to spare, wishes to share a compatable relationship with gentleman in similar situation. Photo please returned promptly Reply to Box No 0022

EXTREMELY attractive slim 5'3" financially independent divorced white American lady professional 53 with advanced degree seeks unattached emotionally available professionally / financially secure English gentleman about 48-59 in good health for serious long term relationship possibly to include marriage. All enquiries acknowledged. Photo appreciated. P O Box 9101, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27516, USA.

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GO For Gold If you are 50ish, young at heart, know how to laugh, warm, sensitive and in need of TLC Be a winner, respond immediately. Photo essential. Reply to Box No 9989

HAPPY, independent, irreverent female, no ties, nice eyes, good legs, seeks tall (5'10"+) confident man 42-52, with wit and style to accept the challenge. London/SE. Photo assures reply. Box No 9790

HAPPY, intelligent, affectionate woman, 34, Catholic, seeks fellow member of professions, in his thirties, who also enjoys poetry, science, skiing, good food and travel. Photo app. Please Reply to Box No 9967

HAPPY divorced Cambridgeshire lady n/s seeking kindly gentleman 50+ to share music theatre food and teach her golf! Please Reply to Box No 9786

HIGHLY intelligent sophisticated adventurous man will read this and want to explore the world or just enjoy England with me, who would rather not go it alone. 40's. Central London based. Photo pls. Box No 9800

HI I'm Rosemary, 47, size 14 Slightly weird, happy, healthy & honest, into all sort of things, looking for similar free spirit (m), independent, a little older, for company. Kent. Please Reply to Box No 9872

IF you appreciate good things in life this tall slim feminine green eyed blond prof lady 43 who enjoys caring and sharing could enrich your life. London S.E. Photo please Box No 9844

INDEPENDENT, attractive, blonde, N.W. based business lady, early 40's with numerous and varied interests from the energetic to the artistic seeks an uncomplicated, sophisticated and sensitive partner for long-term relationship. Recent photo ensures a reply Please Reply to Box No 9974

INNOVATIVE, diligent single female 36, of exemplary character presently seeking articles in solicitors practice nationwide 96/96. Intelligence and academic achievements complement pleasing presentation. All correspondence respectfully acknowledged. Box No 9792

I would like to share life with an attractive affectionate professional man 45-55 who enjoys life and laughter, is fit and independent. I am late 40's financially independent and looking for someone genuine who seeks excitement in life. Hants/Surrey/Berks. Box No 9894

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LADY 49 I'm attractive smart with good personality I'm released from 30 years of marriage, I need to start life again, I need new friends both male and female I also need to find work, pref in the bridal fashion section. Interests horse racing, gardening, cooking. Box No 9830

LADY Lawyer 46, bright, attractive, living rural S.E. Enjoys a myriad of interests from Rossini to Rugby is an incurable romantic with a GSOH and a penchant for "Peter Pan" people · do I have a male counterpart? Please Reply to Box No 9962

LATE Summer madness. We are a small group of lively professional ladies who enjoy the company of amusing, sensitive and intelligent people. If you are 40-60's and enjoy country living and would like to join us for a late summer luncheon party in a lovely North Oxfordshire spot on Sunday 18th September do contact us Reply Box No 9982

LOVELY looking blonde Doctor, knows Nothing about wine, the arts, theatre, dining out or the finer things in life, but is a quick learner with GSOH. If you are attractive, mid 40s-50s and a good teacher with a sense of humour I need you for light hearted relationship. Photo essential. Box No 9886

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NEW FOREST based lady, 42, seeks male companion to share escape from rat race, explore country side, relaxed wining & dining. Reply to Box No 9979

NON-DOMESTIC talkative widow, late 50's, ex-teacher/civil servant seeks, not sunset-headed Darby, but unpretentious though articulate occasional male companion. Please Reply to Box No 9602

NO sales talk, just a sincere wish by a W. Sussex widow (63) for a kind considerate man to share weekends, holidays, theatre, golf and all the other good things of life. Photo please to Box No 0041

ONE of the "new" 59yr old women (slim, youthful, attractive, intelligent), Guardian reader, is looking for a comparable "new" 58-66 yr old man to share enjoyment of the arts, conversation, each other's company. London & surrounding area. Box No 9768

PENELOPE Pit-stop is waiting on the sidelines for Dick Dastardly to take her to the races! Please Reply to Box No 9773

PERSONABLE Brunette graduate 62 slim N/S articulate and of warm personality. Fond of the arts, travel, walking, good food and wine. Seeks fit cultured prof man of good background and similar interests to share fun affection and commitment. SE. Box No 9816

PROF tall attractive lady 39 London area. Enjoys classical music jazz wining & dining & all the good things. Seeks sincere & fun-loving unattached prof gent for friendship & hopefully more. Photo app.Box No 9873

RESPONSIVE Charming attractive solvent lady easy reach London wishes to pool resources and contemplate a happy future with tall prosperous positive man (59-70). Box No 9852

SEEKING a 60ish Peter Pan who is still alive, sensitive and jolly nice to know, personality more important than looks. Photo essential Reply to Box No 9988

SINCERE lady, 57, attractive and single, seeks special gentleman (57-50) who, like her, believes personality is more important than material assets. Box 9836

SLIM decorative amusing definitely attractive stylish financially independent lady. Seeks TALL 46+ educated ravishing gentleman who is fun to be with! Home counties. Photograph appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9914

SLIM stylish refined widow London young 60 seeks smart companion gent 60+ under 5'9" caring solvent travel music n/s.Reply to Box No 9736

SOMERSET woman with independent means would like to meet similar solvent man 65 upwards for companionship ie walks conversation & theatre. Friendship more essential than looks. Reply to Box No 9770

SOUTH WEST: Recently moved to Exeter area country loving lady equally at home in pearls, seeks genuine 50-60 gentleman who enjoys the gentle side of life to rediscover the world with. Reply to Box No 9847

STUNNINGLY beautiful sophisticated 24 long dark hair beautiful green eyes gorgeous figure vivacious personality 5'4" n/s looking for magic tall handsome Hugh Grant type under 40 who's got everything except me! Photo essential. Please Reply to Box No 9893

TALL attractive lady 35 would like to meet a tall gentleman to bring out the best in her. I enjoy travel eating out eating in theatre weekends in the country and nights on the town Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9991

THE Good Life in Provence. Idyllic life-style for serious country lover with SOH. Able to offer conversation and companionship to energetic 60's lady with many interests. Suit gentleman over 50 perhaps writer or artist. Lots of sunshine and Cote du Rhone. Meet in or near London now.Box No 9992

TRAVELLED Airline widow, young 60's seeks sociable, educated male companion. Photo pref. Oxon area. Box No 9832

TRULY madly deeply wonderful and beautiful 30 year old seeks warm witty intelligent and cultured soulmate for fun friendship and the future. Photograph appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9952

TWO prof women new to North London looking to make new friends would like to hear from prof men and women aged 30-40 interested in forming a small social group. Ideas welcome. Please Reply to Box No 0020

UNCOY lady, 46, becoming aware of time's winged chariot, seeks male with world enough and time. London/Cotswolds. Please Reply to Box No 9862

UNIVERSITY Lecturer. 39, attractive, articulate, classy, passionate, witty, shrewd, genuine, vulnerable, loving. Seeks tall, N/S, attractive, authentic, loyal, nurturing, emotionally secure, successful, male to celebrate my strengths and respond to the challenge of real partnership. NW. Please Reply to Box No 9966

VERY attractive, tall, slim, witty redhead seeks man, 40-56 I am a professional interested in entertaining, cinema, travel and dressage. You are intelligent, amusing, successful and like animals. If you are interested in fun, good conversation and a loving relationship please respond to Box No 9863

VERY attractive lady, late forties, would like to meet a man who enjoys golf, is confident, successful, over 5'9" up to 52. Midlands area only. Is there anybody out there? Please Reply to Box No 9920

VERY attractive, intelligent blonde lady · 39ish · seeks genuine, equally attractive, tall, successful guy with terrific SOH and enthusiasm for life. 38-46 yrs. Photo please to Box 9789

VERY attractive curvaceous 5'10" blonde very young 39 likes theatre, wining and dining, seeks nice gent 40+ for fun and romance. Please Reply to Box No 9782

VIVACIOUS attractive brunette. Intelligent, romantic & sensuous. Various cultural interests. Seeks similar gentleman 55+ for friendship, fun and relationship. Devon/Dorset border. Photo please (returned). Please Reply to Box No 9688

WARM adventurous charming lady 42 wishes to meet unattached professional man 42+ who is humorous attractive and in need of TLC. Plenty of cuddles and romance. Photo and phone no appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9911

WARWICKSHIRE Attractive, slim lady early 40s, 5'7", sports orientated, loves theatre, good food, seeks loving, caring man with charm and wit under 50. Photo please to Box No 9839

WEST Country lady seeks tall, intelligent, attractive gentleman with rural lifestyle 45-65. Please take the time to write if you are looking for a normal happy relationship. Please Reply to Box No 9926

WICKED, well travelled. West Country wench, shapely, just 40, just right would welcome contact with strong successful intelligent man with good sense of humour for a fun, uncomplicated but caring relationship. Phone number please.Reply to Box No 9927

WIDOW 70 solvent own home/car, countryside interests, seeks gentleman with similar tastes for friendship etc. Shropshire/Worcs/Cotswolds areas. Replies in strict confidence. Reply to Box No 9899

WILTS area, intelligent, attractive, professional lady, 37, own home, tall, slim and fairly fit, fed up of being on her own, seeks similar male, 37-50, to share interests (travel, walking, music, wine, sailing, theatre log fires etc). Weekends and maybe more. GSOH essential: Photo appreciated. Reply to Box No 9759

WOMAN of no importance (42) seeks an ernest type of chap for some gentle bunburying in S.W. countryside, which would include walks, tennis, theatre, picnics. V.G.S.O.H. essential. Tolerance to teenagers, cats, cigarettes vital. Understanding of the independent, workaholic. Sagittarian useful. 5'10" plus (or still walker) preferred. Love of games, cricket, crosswords and books with happy endings a real bonus. long letter appreciated.Reply Box No 9846

WOULD any gentleman with mild interests in ornothology, countryside music, care to correspond, perhaps on a weekly basis, with lady 50ish) based in North England. Please Reply to Box No 9978

YOU WILL not be bored in any respect if you get to know me! Surrey based professional woman, warm, lively personality, good looking, graduate, seeks sincere, sociable, erudite, amusing man, n/s, aged 48 -58. Please Reply to Box No 0051

GENTLEMEN

ABNORMAL man seeks out-of-ordinary lady, view marriage, family, cat etc. He: 40s, single, tall, slim, n/s, successful, well-travelled, wide interests, She: warm, witty, good conversationalist with capacity and desire for permanent, deep, unwavering love · as well as a lot of fun. Photo appreciated. Reply to Box No 9984

ABSOLUTELY Fabulous, caring, passionate, Co. Director, considerate, cultured, witty, strong-minded, not modest, fastidious, but soft hearted, sentimental, adores cuddles, holding hands, strolls barefooted on beaches, seeks N/S young 55-63 lady, all rounder. Lady Chatterley, Romeo's Juliet, Virgin Mary, Cleopatra's face. She: attractive, witty, SOH, loves bright colourful suits/dresses, finances secure/solvent, share/pool possessions to ride into cloud 99. No ties, no animals, ready move, relocate, travel to savour eclectic passionate iniquities and start fireworks for happy future. Only serious, honest letters from S. London, Surrey, Sussex, W.Kent with recent photo phone no Box No 0047

ACADEMIC architect seeks affectionate aesthete. Female 40+, country loving, non-smoker. Photo appreciated. Cambridge.Reply Box No 9943

A caring, good natured single man, 30, city professional and Scottish graduate, seeks educated lady, n/s for friendship or romance, London/Kent replies preferred.Reply to Box No 9849

ACCOMMODATING male, tall, 42, seeks strong independent female. London. Box No 9837

"ACROSS a crowded room · " · after much deliberation I have decided to gamble! Although I am not endowed with any excess weight I am also only 5'3" tall: so the lady I am seeking should be in an ideal world be similar and aged between 36-46 preferably living near South West London. I am a social smoker with a super sense of humour affectionate gentle and responsible. Over to you then. Photograph guarantees reply and return. Box No 9642

ACTIVE lonely widower, a fit and youthful 76, GSOH, N/S. Based W.Sussex, seeks younger lady partner for companionship and enjoyment of mutual interests. Reply to Box No 9859

ADVERTISING works! Required for fun times together and maybe much more. Small pretty, sexy, loving female under 55. London, South. South West. Photo essential. Please Reply to Box No 9998

ARE you female n/s, lively, educated? Caring tall professional London man 53 would like to share living and loving. A touch of insanity would help.Reply Box No 9936

AMERICAN Christian gentleman 36 educated attractive and selective currently lives in Dallas, Texas. Would like to meet a lady 25-35 with similar characteristics and who would be willing to relocate to America. Photo essential. Please Reply to Box No 9796

A London based graduate, own business (43) GSOH into music, films eating out, photography & politics (Con) seeks vivacious, warm-hearted lady, 30's na to share life & lots of love. Photo please. Box No 9890

AN affectionate caring father. Solvent. Loves children. Enjoys family life. WLTM young lady, with or without children. London area. Can accomodate. Please Reply with photo and phone number to Box No 9864

AND what path need to tread? For the way can be silent lonely and long. And when and where and why and with whom? The Times nor tide wait for no man? Unpretentious legal man 37 (London) seeks attractive intelligent female soulmate to discuss. Please Reply to Box No 9853

AN understanding sympathetic tolerant likeable non-possessive mature single continental business man based in London seeks young sensitive sensible feeling female companion. Recent photograph appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9761

A tall professional gentleman 38 yrs old n/s very good looking fit educated outgoing and unattached interested in classical music, art, sports and wine. Is looking for an independent unattached educated witty and pretty lady under 38 based in London for friendship & socialising. Letter and recent photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 0016

ATHLETIC and attractive professional West London Englishman 43 seeks similar female companion 30/40 for golf, tennis, galleries, restaurants and days in the country. Photo reply.Reply to Box No 0002

ATTRACTIVE professional man in 40's romantic & interesting seeks slim intelligent attractive lady for whatever may develop. Photo appreciated. East Anglia. Please Reply to Box No 9996

AUSSIE new to U.K. prof n/s seeks 30ish n/s lady into sport travel skiing & TLC. Box 9985

AVON/South Wales based Celtic businessman 45 tall fit fun, seeks unique tall lady to share Summer sunsets & Autumn dawns. Must possess wellies barbour and stunning black dress! Replies with photograph to Box No 0018

"BACHELOR · 38 country cottage and dog, needs girlfriend/friend. Slim petite, fit, sexy, funny only. 28-30 years max. No bossy agressive lefties or tree huggers please. Just be normal, honest, feminine and loving! Please send photo and letter to Box No 9959

CITY Executive 54, seeks attractive lady for long term relationship.Please Reply to Box No 9960

COUNTRYMAN 50. Rides, skis, travels, logfires/Cotswolds. Needs compatible slim younger lady. Reply to Box No 9848

CREATIVE professional male 6'3" tall, 47 years, good looking, widely travelled, with properties abroad. Interests include the Arts, foreign travel, music, dining out. Seeks tall shapely, equally attractive considerate lady to share fun, laughter, affection and commitment. Photo essential for reply.Please Reply to Box No 9971

DISCERNING dominant aries male, 55, early retd., but with own hair/teeth and a great fondness of food and wine and other pleasures! I seek a mobile unencumbered docile n/s lady to enjoy a comfortable country lifestyle in East Sussex. Nr. Crowborough. I cannot move. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 0039

DOCTOR 37, Berks based, single, outgoing, confident, GSOH seeks similar n/s attractive female for romance & marriage. Photo please. Reply to Box No 0021

E SUSSEX based rtd exec, 55, divorced n/s, GSOH, enjoys golfing, skiing, foreign travel and dining out will travel to meet lady with similar hobbies. Photo appreciated Box No 9833

EXECUTIVE 47 Surrey seeks warm romantic lady 35ish. Photo pls. Box No 9788

FATE isn't working: maybe this will. Single graduate male 36 seeks female to share London life. Wide interests ESP. Skiing & tennis. GSOH essential. Please Reply to Box No 9850

FORMER English University Teacher with 2 adult children living in London. Own apartment in France. Enjoys reading writing gardening music theatre and dining out. Would like to meet an attractive lady mid 50's living in Hampstead (or anywhere!) Please include a reasonably recent snapshot with your letter. Box No 9917

GAY 34 attractive, caring, passionate, outgoing with a sense of adventure would like to meet similar male aged 26-40 for fun, friendship and more in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset area. Please Reply to Box No 9743

GAY, 26, Cheshire, easy going, seeks mature minded 26-40. Enjoys eating out, travel, etc. Please Reply to Box No 0053

GAY, professional, 29, decent, discrete, seeks similar for chat and beer after a hard day. Cambridge area, 25-35.Please Reply to Box No 9928

GAY West country priest, 60, in good physical, spiritual & emotional shape seeks well-balanced soulmate.Box No 9864

GOOD-LOOKING professional man of integrity 40 6' wants to share the good things in life · Cheshire walks and pubs literature, sport and fireside cuddles. Seeks lady 28-38 n/s with beauty brains humour and a passion for life. Please Reply with photo to Box No 9765

GOOD looking, muscular guy, 38, Londoner, seeks solvent, attractive lady 25-45 for good times. Discretion assured. Photo please.Reply Box 9928

GUEST companion to share owner's holiday home in N.France 7/10 days end Aug beginning Sept. Youngish refined lady not over 50 smoker and wine bibber sought. Premeeting essential. Arises cancellation by relative. Please reply with photo. Box No 9981

HANDSOME doctor lonely widower 53 n/s 5'7" feels 33 and behaves like 23! Anglophile ex-Iraqi of Caucasian (White Russian) parentage. Catholic childhood. Well travelled. Romantic. Adventurous. Cosmopolitan tastes and perceptions. Flying. Sailing. Diving. Biking. Also loves music and English serenity. Looking for non-slim non-peroxide blonde 40-49 to drown in the sea of her smiling blue eyes. For loving symbiosis, and to sail with me the waves of life. Should be feminine, natural, instinctive, dancing in the rain, who believes in the definition of "happiness is making someone else happy" Greater London area. Photo essential.Reply to Box No 9922

HANDSOME male graduate 26, 6'11", fit, GSOH, n/s, seeks sincere fun female 20-30. London area. Reply with photo please. Box No 9851

HANTS Professional man, 50, attractive, single, seeks n/s lady who likes country walks, travel and romance. Box No 9749

IF you are 30-45 solvent have niveau & depth no ties good fig fit vital & if you miss true kindness, lasting commitment, 100% loyalty, affection & laughs then do write. I'm solv 5'10" tanned athletic vital & fit ex-professional late 60s (mettle late 40s). ALA if with photo (returned).Reply Box No 9980

INTERESTING amusing educated London gentleman, 42, eclectic, good looking, sociable seeks suitably attractive lady companion to share adventures. Please Reply to Box No 0046

INTERESTING blend of East/West, Merchant Banker, 33, Indian, tall, attractive seeks partner. Varied interests. Please Reply to Box No 0019

IS there a beautiful, slim lady (40-52) out there who agrees that the most important components of life are a Home life, a social life and a love life and, like me has none of them. If so, please contact this slim, fit, life starved male (56) with a view to parming at least 2 of 3. Photograph much appreciated. Surrey/W London. Please Reply to Box No 0003

ITALIAN descent, 45, handsome, kind, caring, successful businessman, separated. GSOH, uncomplicated, but intelligent seeking lady, no pre-requisites, there's beauty in us all. Why not take a chance. Letter & photo guarantees a reply. Please Reply to Box No 9796

LEO with all the usual Leo virtues seeks warm, attractive, intelligent Leo/Aries/Gemini lady (46-55) interested in music, the arts, travel, good food/wine and company etc. Long letter & photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9896

LIBERATE my romantic streak for the rest of my life! 36, 6ft, considered fit, fun, intelligent, good-looking, independent, busy, gregarious & professional male seeks female equal. London /Surrey/Hants ish. Photo? Reply to Box No 0027

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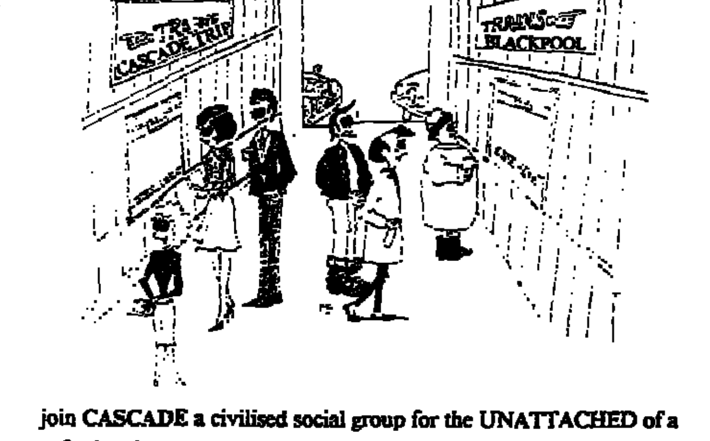
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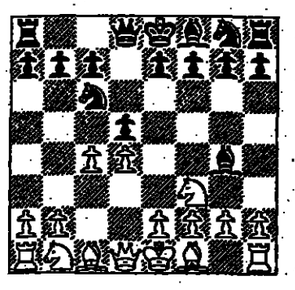
by Raymond Keene

FOR the summer season of tournaments I am recommending a black defence based on an early . . . Nc6. This unusual defence has the virtue that it can score remarkably quick wins against unsuspecting opposition. The Russian Grandmaster Mikhail Tchigorin was the first to adopt it, and he amassed a number of very rapid knockouts with it against unprepared and unsuspecting opponents. In recent years, it has also proved popular with Nigel Short. A classic example:

White: Richard Teichmann
Black: Mikhail Tchigorin
Cambridge Springs, 1904.
Tchigorin's Defence

1	d4	d5	2	c4	Nc6
3	Nf3				

As readers of last week's column will already know I prefer the move order 1 d4 Nc6, meeting 2 c4 with 2 . . . e5, 2 d5 with 2 . . . Ne5 and 2 Nf3 with 2 . . . d5, and now if 3 c4, 3 . . . Bg4 transposing to the game. The reason is, that after the move order chosen by Chigorin here, White could play the more dangerous and active move 3 Nc3!



Now Black has the position he wants. At this point there are a number of important alternatives, which those who wish to adopt this defence for themselves will have to consider. Here White could try 4 Nc3 Bxf3 5 gxf3 e6 6 e3 Bb4 7 cxd5 Qxd5 8 Bd2 Bxc3 9 bxc3 though after 9 ... Nge7 Lasker - Chigorin, Hastings 1895, Black's pair of knights give him good counterplay. Another possibility is 4 Nc3 e6 5 Bg5 Be7 6 Bxe7 Ngxe7 7 cxd5 Nxd5 8 e3 0-0 9 Be2 Nxc3 10 bxc3 Na5 11 Qa4 b6 Hulak — Muse, Vinkovci 1993 when Black has a solid position. In fact, Black won both of these games. Finally, 4 e3 e6 5 Nc3 Bb4 6 Bd2 Nge7 7 Bd3 Bf5 8 Bxf5 Nxf5 9 cxd5 exd5 10 Qb3 Bxc3 11 Bxc3 Rb8 with a level position as in Steinitz - Chigorin, World Championship, Game 12, Havana 1889.

4	cxd5	Bxf3	5	dxc6	Bxc6
6	Nc3	e6	7	Bf4	

In next week's article I will look at the more testing 7 e4.

7	...	Nf6	8	e3	Bb4
9	Qb3	Nd5	10	Bg3	0-0
11	Bd3	Qg5			

With this move Black seizes the initiative and maintains it until the end of the game. The point is that if 12 0-0 Bxc3 13 bxc3 Nxe3 wins.

12	Qc2	f5	13	Be5	

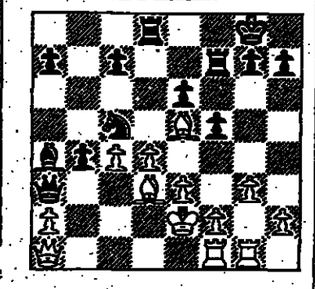
Hoping that Black will snatch the bait on g2 but he does not oblige.

13	...	Rf7	14	0-0-0	Bxc3
15	bxc3	b5			

Black's attack spreads to the other wing, soon overwhelming White.

16	Rhg1	Qe7	17	Rdf1	Qa3+
18	Kd2	b4	19	c4	

Black's pieces then pour in but 19 cxb4 Nxb4 is a disaster.



24 Qb1

Not 24 dxc5 Qxd3+ or 24 Bb1 Nb3 spectacularly winning White's queen.

24	...	Nxd3	25	Qxd3	Qxa2+
26	Kb3	Bc2	White resigns		

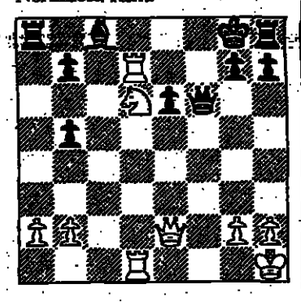
White's queen still goes, e.g. 27 Qe2 Be4+ or 27 Qd2 Be4+ 28 Ke2 Bf3+. White therefore resigned. There are few openings in which Black can score quite so quickly and decisively.

This position is from the game Steinbacher - Auchenberg, Copenhagen 1994. White has a huge lead in development and the black king is hemmed in on the kingside. In the circumstances, it is not surprising that White can force a quick win. How does he continue?

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Solution to last week's competition: 1 Qxh7+.

Last week's winners are: A Bittan, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex; B Walden, London NW3; J A Kelly, Northfleet, Kent.



CAPTION

READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon on the right. The cartoon, from the *Punch* library, includes the contemporary caption.

The cartoon will be printed again next week on the Games page with a caption selected from those submitted.

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The closing date for entries is Wednesday, August 17.



DISAFFECTION:



"Couldn't get you on *The Epilogue* old boy. Will you do *Blind Date* instead?"

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (printed above) was submitted by Earl Peacock, of Mitcham, Surrey

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

KLOOF
a. A valley
b. A solid surface
c. A mountain peak

HYPAPANTE
a. An artificial additive
b. Shallow breathing
c. A festival

SHENG
a. A wind instrument
b. A Chinese sauce
c. A Japanese temple

WETA
a. A tribal dance
b. Wingless insect
c. A Mercury cell

Answers on page 20

COMPUTER GAMES

WHILE Britain's pleasure beaches and theme parks may appear to be falling apart at the seams this summer, you don't have to miss out on all the fun of the fair. Bullfrog's *Theme Park* is a colourful, highly addictive business game easily on a par with and similar to the gaming pleasure of *Sim City*. The question is, will you build a money-spinning Disneyland or money-guzzling *EuroDisney* disaster?

The name of the game is satisfying punters who are so temperamental that even sub-standard lavatory facilities can keep them away. Some foundations need to be in place before you can build a big park — paths, refreshment stands, queues and a little landscaping. The more adventurous the ride the better the money-spinner — most profitable are white-knuckle specials but you must also cater for tots, with safe, sweet rides, too.

The buck stops with you on all counts. Employ too few handymen to check the safety of your rides and there will be plenty of accidents, with punters flying off the roller coasters in all directions. Fail to negotiate good pay deals with your staff and they'll strike, picketing the main gate. But get the formula right and you can sell up and move on, to create bigger and better parks in Europe, America, Russia or, if you're a masochist, Antarctica. *Theme Park* is available for IBM-PC and CD-Rom, which allows you to ride your inventions.

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Finally, a few for the parlour. *Scrabble* is the world's most popular board game. Earlier this month American toy giants Mattel bought *Scrabble* for £62 million but we're giving it away. This version boasts a 134,000+ word database, apparently. Last but not least, from US Gold's budget label Kixx, *Hoyle Book of Games II* featuring 28 solitaire variations.

Cyberspace Eight is for those who have toiled long and hard to reach the end sequence of a title. We're asking you to review an ending, outstanding for its quality or lack of it. Entries must be highly legible and to a length of between 150 and 350 words. Please give the full title of your selection, format and producer together with your name, address and telephone number. Send your entry to Cyberspace Eight, Computer Games, Weekend, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN (Fax: 071-729 6791), by Monday, August 22nd.

BRIDGE

by Albert Dormer

THERE WAS no way you could persuade Tightwad Charlie to take part in a pairs contest. To him, bridge was all about safety play, and the idea of risking a contract for the sake of an overtrick was anathema.

At heart, he was of course an out-and-out money-bridge player, but he would tolerate a straight match at IMP scoring and could sometimes be cajoled into playing for the club in the local league. On such occasions Charlie might fumble his cards once in a while but, as was the case at rubber bridge, it never seemed to cost him. Here he was South:

North dealer Both sides vul

	♠AQJ ♥AKJ4 ♦J64 ♣J87	
♠8 ♥103 ♦K953 ♣KQ10643	N W E S	♠K10 ♥Q975 ♦Q87 ♣A952
	♠9875432 ♥862 ♦A102 ♣-	

N	S
1NT	4♠
No	

Opening lead: ♣K

North opened a strong no-trump and Charlie, since there was no money at stake, made what was for him the daring bid of 4♠. West led the ♣K and Charlie ruffed. He took the trump finesse, lost it, and got a trump back.

The kibitzers could see only nine sure tricks — but Charlie could see ten. In no time at all he developed a line of play that insured against every possible lie of the cards.

He ruffed a club, led a heart, and cashed the ♥A-K. Then he called for dummy's last club, discarding his remaining heart on it! It didn't in the least matter who won the trick, nor did it matter what came back.

Suppose that West won. A club return would give Charlie a ruff and discard, while a diamond would ensure that only one diamond trick would be lost. Finally, if West happened to have one or both of the outstanding hearts, a lead of either the ♥Q or the low heart would establish a tenth trick for Charlie.

At the table, when Charlie led dummy's last club, East won the trick and returned a diamond. But Charlie played low from hand and West was fatally endplayed when he won with the king.

If East had exited instead with a low heart Charlie would have discarded a diamond, making ten tricks no matter who held the queen.

The match was close at this stage and the kibitzers debated whether South in the other room would hit upon the same form of safety play. But the answer will never be known because when South took his cards out of the duplicate board this is what he saw:

♠9-8-7-5 ♥8-5-2 ♦A-10-2 ♣4-3-2

Again North opened a strong no-trump but this time South passed "in sleep," being under the impression that he held a 4-3-3-3 pattern. To make matters worse, North went down two tricks in 1NT when the defenders cashed six club tricks and switched to a diamond.

It seems that when old Tightwad put his cards back into the board he absent-mindedly arranged them in a 4-3-3-3 pattern. Afterwards, he claimed that he was so used to picking up a busted 4-3-3-3 hand when playing for money that he must have just automatically sorted the cards that way from force of habit.

Despite protestations of being a poor cardholder, Charlie liked to play bridge for sizable stakes, preferably into the small hours. No matter how late the game went on, his concentration rarely faltered; which made the incident that occurred on the next deal all the more surprising.

Charlie held the East cards, but to appreciate the hand you have to look at the problem through South's eyes.

	♠10976 ♥53 ♦986 ♣QJ98	
♠K ♥A8764 ♦A542 ♣753	N W E S	♠853 ♥109 ♦1073 ♣A10642
	♠AQJ42 ♥KQJ2 ♦KQJ ♣K	

South was in 4♠ and West led the ♣7 to Charlie's ace. Charlie returned a heart, the king lost to the ace, and South won the heart continuation. His best chance, he decided, was to enter dummy with a heart ruff and take the trump finesse.

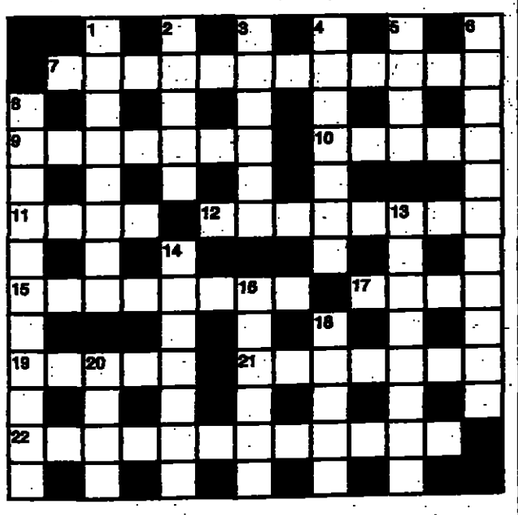
Accordingly, South led forth his small heart and ruffed with the ♠9. It was at this point that Charlie apparently nodded. Evidently he had expected South to ruff low, for he "overruffed" the 9 with the 8 and made as though to lead to the next trick.

When it was pointed out to Charlie that dummy had won the trick he accepted the situation with what was for him surprisingly good grace.

South, however, decided that this was his lucky day — if Charlie held the ♠K, he had lost the chance of overruffing with it and now he could kiss it goodbye. But when South led the ♠10 from dummy and lost it to West's bare king he became a sadder and wiser man.

Everyone agreed that South had been mighty unlucky. Had Charlie been paying attention, and made a proper discard on the third heart, South would have known for sure that Charlie did not have the ♠K. He would therefore have declined the finesse — and made the contract.

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ACROSS
7 Submarine superstructure (7,5)
9 Presumptuous, newly-rich person (7)
10 Burdened (5)
11 Cooker (4)
12 *Signal of approval* (6,2)
15 Designed for, spoiled by, frequent visitors (8)
17 Of York; a handicap race (4)
19 Charmingly delicate (5)
21 Oily charm (7)
22 Ordinary (3-2-3-4)

DOWN
1 Jean-Jacques –, *Social Contract* philosopher (8)
2 Petty informer (5)
3 Grab (6)
4 Greek astronomer; various Kings of Egypt (7)
5 Was in debt (4)
6 Direct ancestor, one of four (11)
8 Very old-fashioned (3,2,3,3)
13 Caption (8)
14 Denote (7)
16 Easily offended (6)
18 Rascal (5)
20 Avoid through fear (4)

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ACROSS: 7 Blue 8 Hang fire 9 Afghan 10 Gasket 11 Bard 12 By return 15 Besought 17 Item 18 Hawser 21 Castor 22 Tennyson 23 Twig

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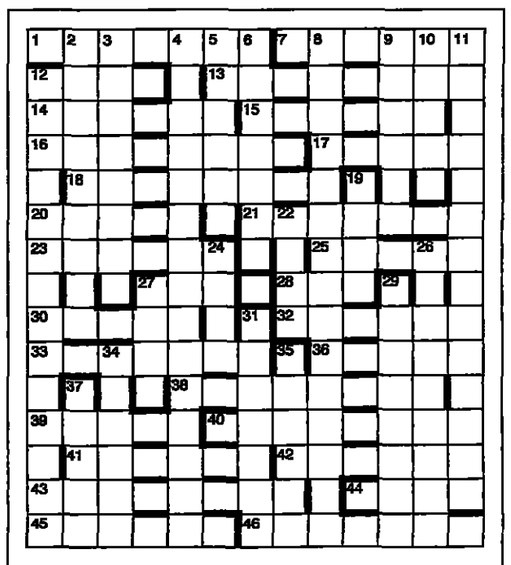
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Across
1 Flogged? Love to see their bruising (7)
7 Aberdonian's sharp introduction to stormy petrel (6)
12 Medicine box is iron-sick (4)
13 I roam, ant hunting (8)
14 Lustre's precursor, copper being in it and sulphur (6)
15 I object! — about fifty of us covered with powder (6)
16 A gigantic boa — one's nothing against being swallowed (8)
17 Rage not in her make-up? (5)
18 Sides in a Test match are occasionally (8,3 words)
20 This malkin could make wan elk smile? Perhaps (5)
21 Unnecessarily shortened spikes (7)
23 Deserted purple for fashionable Ecstasy (6)
25 I could order Christmas with mass — a low mass (5)
27 Elizabeth following the Prince through (3)
28 Spring in despair (3)
30 Old fellow to look round hospital (5)
32 Forming nectar perhaps (6)
33 Militia's housing sergeants (the first three) in staff quarters (7)
36 Excitedly and eagerly, love to one's heart's content (5,2 words)
38 Norfolk etc demand no cuts, ie chaos (8)
39 Assembly point (5)
40 No boarders get past me, queen graduate almost let slip (8)
41 Dared hand-gun: h-g with year inscribed on stock? (6)
42 Bazaar in street once — in Princes Street? (6)
43 Overhead shortage caused by OPEC inter alia (8)
44 Orbilius not half thrashing — what vivacity! (4)
45 Knowing in manner? The opposite, rather (6)
46 Stunners in the Dunlop family? (7)

Down
2 Religious houses running see corruptly — not good (9)
3 Oars whom we find tight in Harvard lavatory? (8)
4 Bird exhibiting fare concern? (15)
5 Empty loo in large tank (6)
6 Right touch at once (7)
8 To enamour ponces lax living together is my answer (15)
9 Luxury car's a small solid wheel (6)
10 Ode — with a hint of Horace it'd be richly composed (5)
11 *Unreprehensibly, elevate price on one* in good condition (14)
12 In a nutshell: I copy drab and *that* will make me unbend (14)
19 Several mallard — you'll see gold in their wings (4)
22 Staff use tear gas (4)
24 To mean (4)
26 Elgin plaster-work's cold and getting moist? (9)
27 *Veronal addict? A pushy person at heart* (4)
29 Entry — you'll need to pay Joey millions (8)
31 Northern strikers in Hearts trouble Queen of the South (7)
34 Simple — but the answer could be a lemon! (6)
35 Onyxes accepted by old lechers (6)
37 Nastiness with the police (5)



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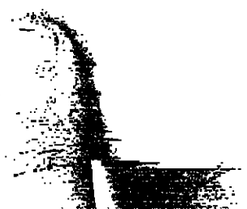
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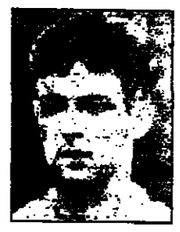
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MICHAEL POWELL

Sir Michael Perry, chairman, reported how Unilever cleaned up with a £611 million profit in the second quarter after waging a new brand battle

Surprise by Unilever despite soap wars

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

UNILEVER, the giant Anglo-Dutch consumer products group, is surviving the "soap wars", the latest figures from the company show.

Unilever shares jumped 55p to £10.97 on news that second-quarter pre-tax profits, which had been expected to fall, were in fact 4 per cent higher at £611 million, on sales up 8 per cent at £7.67 billion.

As a result, first-half profits were 3 per cent higher at £1.06 billion, on sales 6 per cent better at £14.4 billion, although earnings per share for the period declined 1 per cent to 36.13p.

Unilever is head to head with Procter & Gamble, its huge American rival, over the launch of Persil Power, its new brand, which the Americans claimed in a high-profile advertising campaign could rot clothes.

Unilever denies the allegations, which will next month be tested in an authoritative *Which? Magazine* study, and claims they have yet to damage its sales. The launch, at a cost of £100 million, allowed the group's Persil brand in May to snatch the lead from P&G's Ariel — a lead it maintained into the third financial quarter. A company spokesman said: "The customer is continuing to buy our products, and repeat purchasing levels have been high."

He was confident the *Which?* report would be favourable to Unilever brands. Brokers who marked the shares up were encouraged by a strong improvement in North America, which had had a poor first quarter, and by the fact that soap powders in Europe represent less than 2 per cent of Unilever's turnover.

Sir Michael Perry, the chairman, commented that in Europe, during the first half, cost reductions had allowed detergents to record a small profits increase despite strong competitive pressures. Unilever will announce its interim dividend with third-quarter figures in November.

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UK money 'is safe' after insurer closes

BY ROBERT MILLER

REGULATORS, including the Bank of England and Department of Trade and Industry, have moved to reassure 250,000 British investors with Confederation Life that their money appears to be safe, after the insurer's Canadian parent company was closed by the Canadian government yesterday.

Doug Peters, Canada's Secretary of State for Financial Institutions, said in a statement that Confederation, which has worldwide assets of £9.5 billion, mostly in Canada, America and the UK, had lost substantial amounts of money in its real estate and mortgage portfolio. There was "increasing concern about the company's liquidity position".

Last year, the company reported a loss of US$106 million after making a bad debt provision for the same amount. He added: "The information I have received indicates to me that Confederation Life assets are not sufficient to give adequate protection to policyholders and creditors." The action also covers Confederation Trust, the savings bank subsidiary.

The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) in Canada closed Confederation after a week of talks with other Canadian insurance companies had failed to come up with a rescue package. Confederation UK has 250,000 investors and £5.8 billion of funds under management. This money is ultimately protected by the statutory Policyholders' Protection Act, regulated by the DTI and administered by the Association of British Insurers (ABI). This pays out up to 90 per cent of any liabilities that a company may have to a policyholder when it is liquidated.

Money invested with Confederation in the UK is held separately from the Canadian parent. However, funds from some 35,000 with-profits policyholders are held within the Canadian umbrella. A spokesman for the ABI said that this money was protected by the industry compensation scheme, provided the investor was a UK resident who bought the policy through Confederation Life's British company.

On Wednesday, Confederation UK announced that it was in "detailed and well-advanced" discussions, with a view to selling the UK operation, which last year made record profits of £27 million. Last night, a spokesman said these talks were continuing and that Confederation was still open for business. The company, which has its headquarters at Stevenage, Hertfordshire, employs 1,600 in the UK and has set up an investors helpline (0800 834072) to answer queries this weekend.

The DTI said: "The OSFI informed us of their decision. We are not asking Confederation Life to cease writing new business." The Bank of England was notified by Canadian regulators of their action, because Confederation has a UK banking operation. The Bank said: "Confederation Bank is authorised to take deposits under the Banking Act 1987 and, as such, is supervised by the Bank of England."

Confederation Life is the third leading Canadian insurance company to collapse in less than three years. Les Coopérants, the Montreal mutual life insurance company, was wound up in January 1992. In December 1992, Sovereign Life of Calgary folded. Canadian officials said that investors in Confederation would be protected by a government-backed industry rescue plan.

US consumer figures ease fears over interest rates

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

CONCERN over interest rates showed signs of abating after another jittery day across Europe.

American data, showing more moderate consumer price inflation than expected in July, gave the financial markets more composure yesterday afternoon after Thursday's surprise rate rises in Sweden and Italy. The FT-SE 100 closed 4.1 higher at 3,142.3.

The pound, on the sidelines of the dollar/mark battle once again, ended more than 2.5 pfennigs lower at DM22.4062 at the London official close, but was 1.32 cents higher against the falling dollar at $1.5462.

Gilts outperformed the rest of Europe as short-dated paper was squeezed out of the market and buyers switched out of core European bonds to gilts.

Short sterling futures contracts were under continued pressure but analysts dismissed suggestions in the market that interest rates here would rise from the current 5.25 per cent to 6.75 per cent by the end of the year.

Market sentiment could change next week when key economic indicators are issued, especially the inflation and earnings data out on Wednesday and the retail sales numbers on Thursday.

Avinash Persaud, currency economist at J P Morgan, saw some risk of the pound dropping to its record low of DM2.33, but thought DM2.38 the more likely low point in the near future.

However, he saw this more as a reflection of the "flight to value", which has pushed the mark up sharply and depressed the dollar.

On exchange rate and inflation grounds, there appeared little immediate need for monetary tightening in Britain. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, was right to take that stance at his July meeting with Eddie George, Governor of the bank of England.

But the rate increases by Sweden and Italy, reminiscent of the start of the chain reaction that forced the European exchange-rate mechanism to abandon narrow fluctuation bands last year, caused shares and bonds to fall again in the main continental markets, especially in Italy.

The dollar weakened again against the mark, reflecting market conviction that the Bundesbank council, which meets next Thursday, has reached the end of the run for rate cuts.

The rise in the core measure of the American consumer price index for July was less than Wall Street expected at 0.3 per cent, providing the most comforting news of the day for the markets. But the Federal Reserve is under pressure to tighten the monetary reins again soon, and some forecasters believe a signal could come next week.

The mark gained more ground against most other currencies, closing more than 3 pfennigs higher against the dollar in London at DM1.5560. Against the French currency, which fell below the floor of its old ERM narrow band, the mark ended at Fr3.4317, up almost a franc.

The Finnish central bank intervened to support its currency yesterday, but pressure could be put on the Danish krone next week, if the market takes the view that fast-growing Denmark is overheating.

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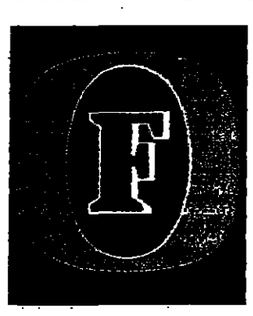
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Probably the cheekiest lager deal in the world

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR



CARLSBERG, the best-selling lager which promotes itself as "brewed in Britain by Danes," faces some fresh competition on its home turf. In a coals-to-Newcastle deal, the Danes are to be offered an Australian brew produced in Britain by the British.

The average Dane drinks five pints of beer for every four sunk by his British counterpart, so the Danish market, although small at 5.2 million people, is attractive for brewers. But Carlsberg, which also claims modestly to be "probably the best lager in the world," controls 61 per cent of production directly and another 34 per cent through shareholdings in other brewers.

Now Foster's, the Australian lager whose parent also owns Courage beer, claims to have cracked that market, with lager produced in Britain. The Australians earlier this summer entered the German market. Now a deal with Harboes Bryggeri, Denmark's largest surviving brewer not yet enmeshed with Carlsberg, will distribute the amber nectar through 600 off-licences and in 200 bars in Copenhagen.

Research has suggested Foster's is popular with a target market of young Danish drinkers who had travelled beyond Denmark. About one in two Danes aged between 18 and 24 have heard of the brand.

The Danes will be offered the stronger export brand of Foster's. Because of Denmark's fierce environmental laws they will be given a product that would gladden the hearts of traditional beer drinkers anywhere. Aluminium cans are illegal in Denmark, and Foster's there can only be sold on draught — or in recyclable bottles.

Exchange to look at power share dealing

THE Stock Exchange is looking at possible share dealings by directors of the 12 regional electricity companies before this week's publication of the new price controls from the industry regulator that sent share prices rocketing.

The shares were rising sharply again yesterday. Purchases by any party connected to the industry in receipt of the price review would constitute insider dealing, a criminal offence. Such trade would already show hefty profits.

Similar purchases over the past couple of months, during dealings between the industry and the Office of Electricity Regulation, could also put the buyer in breach of the law.

Market rumours last night were naming one director of one of the 12. He could not be contacted.

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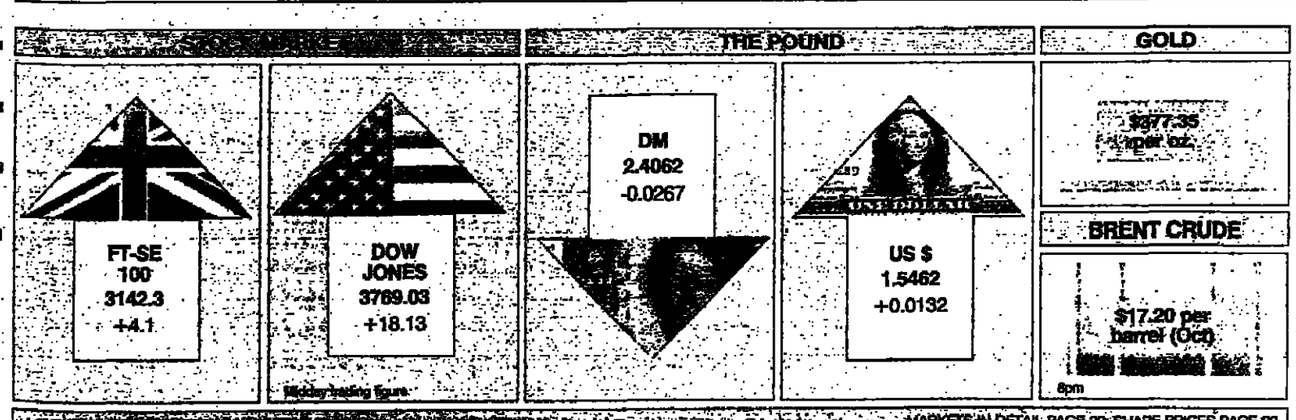
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Gas competition: enter Caborn & Co

Will investigations into the UK gas market ever end? Or will they become an annual event rather like the London Marathon: a creeping aspect of our national culture? Might it not be a good idea to replace May Day with Gas Day, a period of sojourn when various contributions from the OFT, the MMC (two), the DTI and Ofgas — along with the welter of policy U-turns pronounced by former Ofgas chief Sir James McKinnon — could be chortled over at leisure? The DTI, ever eager to encourage enterprise, might be prevailed upon to support the formation of a sort of Swap Shop where Sid could barter original copies of British Gas's prospectus for a plethora of ministerial statements which have served to turn this notorious sales document into a quaint little collector's item.

Forests have fallen to the cause of establishing British Gas's fate but, alas, there is still no consensus. Could it be that the nub of the problem lies in the fact that few, if any, of the inquiries have actually set out to examine the industry, rather than attempt to justify some ideologically predetermined result: such as the break up of British Gas or the furtherance of fabricated competition.

Strip out the ideology and it is not inconceivable that one or more of the brains trusts might have concluded that the only genuine competition to gas would emanate from the oil, coal and electricity sectors. What should have been preserved was competiiton between fuels. But because manufactured competition is the name of the game, the electricity utilities (where bulk prices have risen) are entreated to supply gas (where prices have fallen). It is no secret that the majority of so called "independent" gas suppliers are offshoots of the oil majors.

There is, of course, only one course of action open: another inquiry. This time it is the turn of the Trade and Industry Committee, chaired by Richard Caborn, Labour MP for Sheffield Central. Terms of reference are: "To examine the timing and the manner of opening up the domestic gas market to competition: and how satisfactory results in terms of prices for different types of customers, safety, security of supply and standards of service can best be achieved."

Let us be of good cheer. The cross-party Trade and Industry Committee is hard hitting and influential. Much the same could be said of Caborn. Earlier this year, Caborn called for a Royal Commission inquiry into utility regulation. In his words: "The time has come to end the experiment in utility regulation and to set out clearer guidelines on the duties, accountability and independence of the regulators." He added: "Government by regulation has, in effect, become a substitute for policy making,



MELVYN MARCKUS

with crucial decisions left in the hands of unelected and unaccountable regulators."

Great stuff. Caborn has certainly got the regulators in perspective which, it has to be said, is a prime qualification for grappling with gas.

Word has it that the usual participants in a gas inquiry have already been requested to supply evidence to the Select Committee, scheduled to sit in October after MPs have parted with their buckets and spades.

By way of coincidence, this month just happens to represent the second anniversary of British Gas's call for an MMC inquiry — an action brought about by frustration over McKinnon's controversial rule at Ofgas.

The reality is that the 1992-93 MMC report was one of the best researched documents ever to emanate from Carey Street which, at this rate, may prove a more fitting address for British Gas. The MMC, it may be recalled, recommended that British Gas should dispose of its gas trading business by March 31, 1997 to remove any possibility of conflict with its gas transportation business. Short-term separation of trading/transportation was called for, with costs passed on to customers. Although British Gas's operation of the tariff market was not against the public interest, the MMC took the view that removal of the tariff monopoly could follow some three to five years after divestment. There was a rider, however, namely that "no decision should be taken except after the most careful assessment of the consequences".

But, of course, the Government knew better: that uncanny touch that makes it so popular. Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, stood the MMC's findings on their head. British Gas would not be required to dispose of its trading operation and the tariff monopoly would end in April 1996 with competition phased in over two years. Announcing his long delayed decision last December, Heseltine declared: "Choice for consumers is the best possible guarantee that they will obtain value for money."

Other ministers, including the likes of Tim Eggar, have gone further and predicted "savings for all consumers, large and small". Competition, we were told, could only produce winners.

A little scrutiny of the MMC report yields rather different reasoning. I quote: "British Gas's logical response to competition would be to rebalance its tariffs to reflect the structure of its costs and restore its profits ... Supply to lower volume users is currently unprofitable, and may require significant price increases."

Thus, the Government's procrastination over the inclusion of a Gas Bill in its 1994-95 programme by way of an attempt to delay confrontation with the cross-subsidy issue.

It will be interesting to see whether Caborn & Co choose to quiz Heseltine over precisely why he threw the MMC report out of the window — not least in view of the fact that Labour rather favours divestment.

Caborn might also attempt to discover whether the Government intends Sid, disadvantaged customers or the taxpayer (via the social security net) to foot the cross subsidy bill.

Japanese surplus up by 4% as exports rise

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN TOKYO

HIGHER exports to America and Asia helped to boost Japan's trade surplus by more than 4 per cent in July, fuelling the bitter trade dispute with the Clinton Administration.

The figure was slightly higher than most economists had forecast. They said that export growth to the United States and Asia and the yen's strength were likely to keep Japan's surplus, expressed in dollar terms, at a high level in coming months.

Japan's finance ministry said that the overall surplus rose to $12.3 billion in July, from $11.82 billion a year earlier, in excess of most analysts' expectations of between $10.7 billion and $11.8 billion. Overall exports in July increased by 6.9 per cent and imports went up by 8.5 per cent.

However, Japan's surplus with the United States widened to an unadjusted $5.63 billion, from $4.69 billion a year earlier. Exports to the United States rose by 14.3 per cent, while imports from the United States increased by 8.6 per cent.

Kenneth Courtis, an analyst with DB Capital Markets (Asia), said: "We are going to be still working on pretty big surpluses through to the end of the year. Surpluses may have already peaked, but they aren't going to come down quickly."

Japan's surplus with other Asian countries rose to $6.28 billion, from $5.52 billion a year earlier. Exports to Asian countries grew by 12.1 per cent and imports from them increased by 10.8 per cent.

The so-called "J-curve" effect of a strong yen inflating the dollar value of exports will continue to apply as long as the dollar stays at about 100 yen, economists said. The dollar was trading at about 108 yen in July 1993.

The J-curve effect assumes an eventual fall in the volume of Japan's exports as they become less price-competitive, but some economists said that Japan's exports could still stay strong. "Japanese products will continue to be bought by US and Asian users, even at higher prices, as their quality is still in demand," Yoichi Nakagawa, a Bank of Tokyo economist, said.

A finance ministry official said that the growth in the surplus was slowing, even in dollar terms, noting that, in volume terms, imports have grown for 15 straight months year-on-year, while exports have shrunk for ten out of the past 12 months.

However, some economists doubt whether imports of cheap products will ever be big enough to offset exports of high-value products, such as semiconductors and vehicles. They say that changes in exports cannot be expected to help to reduce Japan's trade surplus in the near future.

"Japan's exports to other Asian countries are not likely to stop rising as the economies there keep expanding," Mr Nakagawa said.

Mr Courtis said: "The only way is to get growth in the domestic economy. Until that happens, there isn't going to be a major change in Japan's surplus."

National Savings record

BY SARA MCCONNELL

A RECORD £50 billion was invested in National Savings at the end of July. The largest balances are in income bonds, with £10.9 billion, fixed interest savings certificates, with £9.9 billion, and investment accounts, with £9.2 billion.

In July, investors attracted by the prospect of the £1 million jackpot continued to pour money into premium bonds which made a £117 million contribution to government funding.

The popularity of pensioners' bonds also continued, bringing in £81 million to the Government's coffers.

In the first four months of this financial year, pensioners' bonds brought in £697 million for the Government, more than any other product. The bond was launched in February to attract pensioners over 65 disenchanted with poor returns from their building societies. The societies saw massive outflows of funds and have since been forced to offer competing accounts.

Including £183 million of accrued interest, National Savings contributed £264 million to the Government in July.

Gross sales of all National Savings products last month totalled £707 million. After repayments of £626 million, net receipts totalled £81 million.



Russell Black, left, chief executive, and Peter Johnson, chairman, of Nightfreight, the express parcel company whose shares made their debut on the stock market in May. The group made pre-tax profits of £1.35 million (£539,000) in the six months to May 31 and will pay a maiden dividend of 1.13p a share from earnings of 2.56p.

Market raid by SCI sends Plantsbrook shares soaring

BY CARL MORTISHED

SHARES in Plantsbrook, the funerals business, soared yesterday as Service Corporation International, the Texan company embroiled in a bid for the rival Great Southern Group, raided the market for more Plantsbrook shares. An SCI spokesman confirmed that more were bought as the stock rose by 48p, to 148p, valuing the group at £148 million.

Market sources believe that SCI picked up 100,000 shares yesterday, raising its stake to just over 3 per cent. The Americans have been picking up shares in Plantsbrook, once controlled by Howard Hodgson, the funeral entrepreneur, for the past two months, but yesterday, apparently on the advice of Cazenove, their brokers, SCI announced that its stake had reached 2.9 per cent, just below the limit for compulsory notification to the Stock Exchange.

SCI is believed to have been aware that Loewen, its rival in the bid for Great Southern, was in the market for a stake in Plantsbrook, which controls 9 per cent of the UK funeral market. The Americans received advice that failure to declare their stake might create a false market in the shares. Loewen recently failed in an appeal to the Takeover Panel, alleging that SCI's final 775p bid for Great Southern contravened the rules.

Plantsbrook is the second-largest UK funeral provider, ranking after the Co-op but ahead of Great Southern. The future of the company, which made profits of £12 million last year, is likely to be decided by Pompes Funèbres Générales, part of the French Lyonnaise des Eaux conglomerate, which owns 46 per cent. PDFM, the fund manager, has 13 per cent.

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Emap buys golf titles for £11m

BY MARTIN BARROW

EMAP, the publishing group, has acquired three leading golf magazines from the New York Times group for £11.25 million. The deal covers *Golf World*, which sells 80,000 copies a month, *Golf Weekly* and *Golf Illustrated News*.

IPC Magazines, part of the Reed-Elsevier publishing group, announced last month that it had signed heads of agreement with New York Times to acquire the titles. Yesterday, IPC said that it was contacted on Wednesday and given "just 36 hours to quadruple its previously agreed offer". IPC said it considered the price demanded by the Americans to be "totally unrealistic".

Barry Dennis, managing director of Emap Pursuit, the company's sports publishing arm, said: "The interest in golf has never been higher. The long-term prospects are excellent." The three titles had sales of £5.6 million between them in 1993. They were "marginally loss-making", but Emap believes they can be turned round.

New York Times will keep the world's top selling golf magazine, *Golf Digest*, but Emap will be involved in a US advertising sales joint venture with that title.

BA chief given option on shares

BY RODNEY HOBSON

SIR Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, has been granted the option to buy 81,145 shares in the airline's annual review of its share options scheme. Robert Ayling, managing director, has been granted options on 95,465 shares.

The options can be exercised from August 1997 until August 2004. The two will have the right to buy shares at 419p. BA's present stock market price is 424p.

Sir Colin now has options on 447,232 shares and Mr Ayling options on 791,607. Sir Colin's new options are already showing a profit on paper of £24,000 and Mr Ayling's £2,800.

Options are granted as an incentive to directors to improve the performance of the company and its share price.

Guidelines issued by the National Association of Pension Funds and the Association of British Insurers say that although it is legal to price options at a discount to the market price, the practice is undesirable.

A BA spokesman said that it was quite normal practice with most company schemes.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Charter may extend Esab bid deadline

CHARTER, the British industrial group, could extend the period for acceptances of its £260 million bid for the Swedish company Esab, which was publicly rejected by leading Swedish institutional shareholders this week. An extension of the acceptances deadline, which had been set for yesterday afternoon, is one of the options spelt out by the company. Others are for it to walk away from the deal, unless it achieves the 90 per cent acceptance target it set, remain with the 53 per cent of the voting shares it has already secured; or extend the acceptance period under changed terms.

Charter came under pressure from shareholders representing more than 20 per cent of Esab voting shares after the Swedish company, the world's biggest welding equipment maker, published strong half-year results on Monday. But monetary tightening in Sweden on Thursday made stocks tumble, making Charter's offer look more attractive.

Eagle Star wins apology

THE Lord Chancellor's Department has apologised to Eagle Star Insurance for erroneously including the company's name in a list of cases showing the ten highest payments made from the legal aid fund for criminal trials in the past five years. In answer to a Commons question from Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend, on July 20, John Taylor, parliamentary secretary, listed a fraud case involving Eagle Starr (sic) as costing the legal aid fund £1.76 million. The reference should have been to Eagle Trust.

EC to clear coal deals

THE European Commission proposes to clear two agreements by which Scottish Power and Scottish Hydro-Electric will buy fixed coal supplies from British Coal until the end of March 1998. The commission said the agreements would not adversely affect competition and would help British Coal to restructure and rationalise before privatisation. Scottish Power will buy 4.8 million tonnes until end-March 1995, and the second deal provides for separate purchases totalling an annual 2.8 million tonnes for 1995-98.

Aids life policies sold

THE controversial auction of the life assurance policies of two Aids sufferers in America raised more than $150,000, and experts say regular sales may become common. The policies were sold by H.E. Foster & Cranfield, an auction house which specialises in the sale of endowment policies. Two 26-year-old men dying of Aids put the policies on the market to raise money for living expenses and medical treatment. Investors are paid the full face value when the holder dies — a practice Americans describe as "death futures".

Portmeirion rises 18%

IMPROVING sales fired up profits at Portmeirion Potteries in the six months to June 30. Euan Cooper-Willis, right, the chairman, said sales in Britain and America, the group's main markets, were up by 7.1 per cent and 10.7 per cent respectively, and demand remained strong in the second half. Overall, turnover was up by 11.8 per cent and pre-tax profits increased by 18.3 per cent, to £1.88 million. Earnings per share rose to 11.85p, from 9.88p, and the interim dividend is up to 2.5p, from 2.25p.



Engineer advances

HADEN MacLellan, the engineering group, said its extensive American operations would maintain its improved profitability despite strenuous competition for orders in the automotive sector. The long-term order book in America was at a record level, providing a strong base of work for 1995, the company said. In the six months to June 30, pre-tax profits rose to £2.2 million, from £1.8 million, on turnover of £171.8 million (£152.7 million). Earnings were 1.7p a share (1.3p). The interim dividend is unchanged at 1p.

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Bonn lets US see results of inquiries into López



José López sparked controversy by leaving GM for VW

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

GERMAN justice officials have received consent from the Bonn government to help the US justice department in its inquiry into alleged industrial espionage by José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, head of procurement and production at Volkswagen (VW), Europe's biggest carmaker.

Bonn's consent, which required the approval of the ministries of justice, economics and foreign affairs, promises to intensify the battle between VW and General Motors (GM), America's leading automotive group, after a long lull. VW has a right to appeal against the consent.

Figures issued this week showed that VW is winning the struggle for market share in Germany, Europe's biggest car market, this year, having boosted its share, while that of Opel, GM's German subsidiary, has declined.

Bonn's decision will allow regional state prosecutors to provide documents and evidence from their own inquiries to US officials investigating GM allegations against Señor López, the controversial Spaniard who joined VW last year after being GM's procurement chief.

GM has accused Señor López and seven close associates from GM of wholesale theft of company secrets, including detailed plans for cost-cutting and a new car, when they all left to join VW.

Señor López's reputation as a radical cost-cutter for GM earned him the nickname in Germany of the "Strangler of Rüsselsheim [site of the Opel headquarters]". It has also prompted some GM suppliers to accuse the company of disclosing their component designs to rival firms to help them to lower prices.

The slowness of the German proceedings may mean that the US inquiries will yield the first results, given the greater powers of American officials.

Fears that the US justice department may seek to extradite Señor López fuelled rumours in the German press that VW was planning to make him head of Seat, its Spanish unit, to keep him out of Washington's reach. There is no US-Spanish extradition treaty.

A spokesman for VW said that it welcomed Bonn's decision, but emphasised that VW firmly backed Señor López, who had denied any wrongdoing.

THE SUNDAY TIMES
"Thursday, critics of the 12 regional electricity companies believed, would be the day of reckoning. Since privatisation, profits, dividends, share prices and directors' salaries had soared yet prices had barely fallen. But things did not quite work out like that..."
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Winners and losers in the C&G bonanza

Call your bank to account

Bank profits are soaring, but are they satisfying customers? **Robert Miller** and **Jill Insley** report

Banks are back in the black — with a vengeance. When the Midland reports on Monday, the top five high street clearers, including Abbey National, the one-time building society, will have made between them more than £3 billion in pre-tax profits in the first half of this year alone.

This means increased dividends for shareholders. But what if you hold one of the 58 million bank accounts? Will you get any benefit from the huge profits being clocked up by banks?

Yes, say the banks. They say they are spending millions of pounds on staff training, better technology, longer opening hours and pre-notifying people if they face charges on their accounts. NatWest and Lloyds now give customers 14 days in which to query current account charges. They also publish current interest rates on monthly statements. Barclays points out that 80 per cent of its seven million current account customers enjoy free banking and that of its record £1.04 billion half-year profits, £659 million came from UK high street banking. Midland adds that it now pays £10 for mistakes made when opening a new customer account, or transferring an existing one, but this move has alienated other customers who get nothing. Bank of Scotland, on the other hand, pays £10 for any mistake to both new and existing customers, even for wrongly addressed envelopes.

But this is not enough, others believe. Graeme Jacobs, money editor of the Consumers' Association's *Which?* magazine, says: "Our annual survey of banks shows that people still feel they receive a very poor level of service from their banks and this is not improving. Nor has the Banking Code of Practice, which is meant to raise standards of customer service, made any difference. Last year, one in five people had a problem with a standing order or direct debit and one in eight was overcharged."

> One in five people had problems with direct debits

Banks have also closed thousands of branches, forcing people to travel. Noel Howell, of Bifu, the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, says that in the past five years more than 2,800 bank and building society branches had been closed and over 110,000 jobs cut. He adds: "Customers now have far fewer outlets and many of the surviving branches have no manager and a restricted service. Information on customer accounts is now held at two and sometimes three separate locations."

In an effort to cut costs and placate angry customers now forced to travel miles because of bank closures, the high street banks are turning to telephone banking. Telephone banking is cheaper than maintaining a branch because all the staff are in one location. But it took First Direct, the best-known telephone bank, nearly four years to make its first monthly profit.

The banks are making profits again because of a massive drop in their bad debt provisions. Banks lent customers' money in the late 1980s to developing countries and large companies, then saw the loans go sour. Customers have been paying for their mistakes ever since, say analysts.

Johnny de la Hey, a bank analyst at SGST, the broker, says: "In the end the banks were forced to fall back on domestic customers and punitive charges to claw some of the money back."

But, he added, customers with current accounts always in credit get a good deal. Banks say they have no plans to charge customers in credit, in spite of rumours last year.

STEVE FORREST



Darren Walton at work for First Direct's 24-hour telephone banking service, whose recent callers have included a casino gambler and a stranded driver

Open all day, a phone call away

At midnight, when the doors of traditional banks have been firmly shut for at least eight hours, 500 First Direct staff are plugged into telephones, waiting for calls from insomniac customers (Jill Insley writes). The phones are manned in eight-hour shifts throughout the day and night. To make sure that there are always enough people to answer calls, staff must book their coffee breaks in advance with their team leaders at the beginning of each shift.

First Direct, Midland Bank's telephone banking arm, usually handles 20,000 calls in 24 hours, and calls keep coming in throughout the evening and during the night. Last Monday, First Direct took 2,200 calls between 6pm and 8pm, 2,400 between 8pm and 10pm and 1,350 between 10pm and midnight.

Sarah Oselton, who leads a team on the 3pm to 11.30pm shift, says that there is a constant hum of activity in the bank's huge open-plan office. She says: "There are always calls coming through, and representatives also look at customers' correspondence and do general administration work."

Customers do not, however, always get what they want from First Direct, even if they do call at night. A customer who called from a casino to ask whether the bank could guarantee a cheque over the telephone to the casino manager was refused after the bank checked his account and found that there was not enough in it. The customer rang back next morning — to thank First Direct for refusing his request. He said that if the bank had cleared the cheque, he would have lost the lot gambling.

Others have different sorts of luck. One evening last week, a First Direct customer returned to his car to find it wheel-clamped. He was miles from home, and worse still, had no money to pay for the wheel clamp to be removed. He called First Direct, which called the manager of the nearest Midland Bank branch, who was at home eating dinner. Within half an hour, the fine was paid and the customer on his way.

Most calls are more run-of-the-mill, however. Customers want to find out the balance of their account, transfer money between accounts and pay their bills.

First Direct now boasts 425,000 customers since it was launched in October 1989. Other banks have now realised its potential. Barclays and Lloyds are the latest to join the rush, and are expected to offer telephone banking services by the end of this year.

Weekend Money is edited by Sara McConnell

	Barclays	Lloyds	NatWest	Midland	Abbey National
How has the bank spent profits to the benefit of customers in the last year?	We will spend £2.6 billion on technology and £300 million on training staff to improve customer service	We have improved service through training, special customer evenings and opening 400 branches until 5.30pm. Customers have 14 days to query charges and interest rates are on all statements	We have made a number of customer service improvements including 14-day pre-notification, interest rates on statements and charging details on the reverse of statements	Every single branch is being made better for our customers as part of multi-million pound investments in customer service that also includes extensive staff training	We invested the £1 billion raised through conversion to bank status in 1989 and we reinvest the profits each year, thus rewarding shareholders and customers who expect a positive return for the investment
Branches closed since 1989	500	350	589	258	None
Staff made redundant since 1989	18,500	16,000	Levels down from 113,000 to 91,000	4,000	None
Interest rate for authorised overdrafts	1.5%pm (19.2%pa)	1.45%pm (18.8%pa)	1.4%pm (18.9%pa)	1.3%pm (16.7%pa)	0.74%pm (9.9%pa)
Interest rate for unauthorised overdrafts	2.25%pm (29.8%pa)	2%pm (26.8%pa)	2.4%pm (33.8%pa)	2.18%pm (29.5%pa)	1.78%pm (24.4%pa)
Cost of bounced cheque	£25	£25	£27.50	£25	£20
When were bank charges last cut or changed?	June 1993	January 1994	June 1993	February 1994	June 1994
How long before paid in cheques earn interest?	Three days	Three days	Three days	Three days	Four days
When was this changed?	Unchanged	June 1994	April 1994	February 1994	Unchanged
When can you get your money?	Five days	Four days	Four days	Four days	Four days
How long did you wait before?	Five days	Four days	Four days	Four days	Seven days

Take the risk out of loans



LINDSAY COOK
Business Editor

Announcements that banks are making billion pound profits come as no surprise to some customers. Among them was the mother of a woman who took out a £2,000 bank loan over five years, two years ago.

The daughter fell ill last November, had a nervous breakdown, could not work and could not pay the £66.46 a month.

As her condition grew worse, she was bombarded with letters from the bank demanding payment, which did not help her condition.

Her mother, who took over her financial affairs, telephoned the branch manager, telling him of her daughter's illness and offered to repay the loan. She explained that she did not have the sum borrowed, plus the interest on the loan, to hand, but that she was willing to pay it off as soon as she had sold her home. The bank continued to send reminders about the payments and the ever-growing arrears to the mother, who is a widow.

It therefore came as a surprise when she found the loan contract at her daughter's flat and read it for the first time. She discovered that the loan had only been granted on condition that she took out expensive loan insurance. This type of insurance typically costs £6 a month for every £100 of monthly payment and if the borrower loses his or her job, or is too ill to work for a long period, it meets the monthly payments. Her daughter's condition qualified and the mother put in a claim. Last week, her account was credited with £53.

On Wednesday, her mother received another letter demanding the next instalment, even though the bank has accepted that her daughter is not fit enough to be hounded for money.

The mother finds it hard to believe that the debt chasers and branch were unaware of the loan insurance when her daughter first fell ill. But anyone can make a mistake, even a bank that makes loan insurance a condition of a loan.

The daughter is still ill. The loan has three years to run, and the mother despairs that she will continue to be harassed.

The Government is said to have plans to extend such loan insurance to all new mortgages. In this way, the bill for income support to meet mortgage costs will be drastically reduced. But it is not hard to imagine that profit-hungry banks and building societies might be reluctant to pay out on these policies, if the case above is any indication of the efficiency with which such payments are made by the insurers.

Where a home is at risk, the anxiety will be greater. But there is one comfort. If all loans taken out after a certain date have compulsory cover, it will be difficult for a branch manager or debt collector to forget about the insurance when pursuing a sick customer.

Rules to be broken

The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society has done its best to look after as many of its customers as it can in the revised bonus offer to tempt its members to vote for its takeover by Lloyds Bank.

It is, of course, in the interests of the deal to make sure that as many voting members as possible stand to get large lumps of loot to persuade them of the merits of the deal.

Moving the qualifying date means that the Heart of England members must feel grateful that the Building Society Commission and the Bank of England scotched their takeover by the fledgeling Bank of Edinburgh. Now they are part of C&G and, as such, will qualify for bonuses of up to £13,500 an account.

There are about 80,000 C&G savers who have reason not to thank the commission, though. They have fallen foul of the two-year rule. They opened their accounts after December 1992 and will not have two years' membership by the new qualifying date.

While some societies, frightened of takeover, applauded the commission's application to the High Court to have stopped C&G's plan to pay all its savers and borrowers a bonus, it is time to question rules that prevent a large proportion of the members that own a society from getting a share of its value.

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Shares end in positive territory after 31-point turnround

STOCK MARKET

THE equity market shook off its recent malaise to end the week on a positive note. A late rally reversed an early slide, allowing shares to end the day in positive territory after a 31-point turnround.

Initial weakness in gilts and lower futures dragged the cash market sharply lower at the start, with leading shares off 27.5 points in early trade.

Sentiment was depressed by fears of further European interest rate rises, after Thursday's surprise rises in Sweden and Italy, and an expectation of higher American rates next week.

But better than expected American consumer price index figures for July received a positive reaction from US bonds which, in turn, helped weaker European bonds to recover. The CPI figures dampened American inflationary fears and helped to buoy shares in London, which were additionally supported by fresh institutional buying at lower levels.

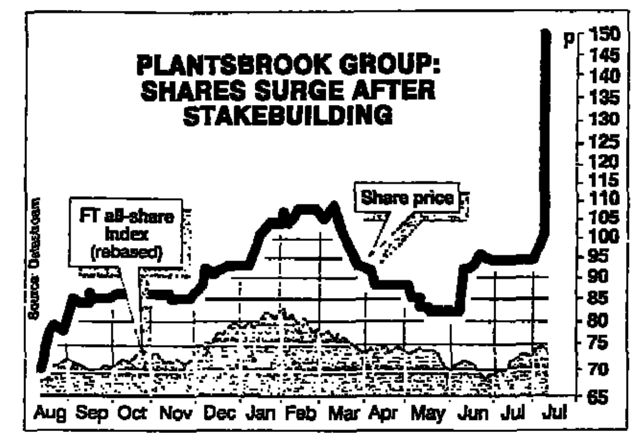
A strong start to trading on Wall Street further bolstered sentiment in London, and the FT-SE 100 index closed up 4.1 at 3,142.3. Volume reached 640.3 million shares.

Among companies reporting, **Unilever**, the consumer products and foods group, jumped 55p to £10.97 after it produced better than expected half-year profits of more than £1 billion. The news provided support for **Reckitt & Coleman**, up 32p to 631p.

There was talk of a possible link-up between Unilever and Heinz, the US food giant, and even wilder late speculation that **Glaxo**, down 1p to 623p, might bid for Eli Lilley, the American drugs group, in a deal said to be worth between $15 billion to $20 billion.

The regional electricity distributors were again among the best performers as the market could hardly contain its enthusiasm for the regulator's softer than feared pricing formula announced on Thursday.

Shares were also buoyed by market talk of a rash of takeovers in the sector in the wake of the Offer review,



although Moody's dampened the euphoria by saying that the new price controls would be neutral to ratings. Among the gainers, **East Midlands** rose 18p to 710p, **Eastern** 24p to 763p, **Manweb** 32p to 785p, **Midlands** 15½p to 756p, **Norweb** 20½p to 748½p, **South Wales** 24p to 747p, **South West** 25p to 739p and **Southern** 26p to 740p. There was continued strong demand for **Royal Insurance**, up 14p to 279p, on volume of 8.4 million, after Thursday's better than expected figures, with the shares still rated as undervalued by Credit Lyonnais Laing and Hoare Govett.

There was weakness elswhere in the sector as **Commercial Union** fell 4p to 562p, **General Accident** 9p to 561p, **GRE** 5p to 179p, and **Sun Alliance** 3p to 317p.

Shares in **Plantsbrook**, the funeral services group, surged 48p to 148p in the wake of Thursday's announcement that Service Corporation International, the acquisitive American funerals group, had bought a strategic 2.95 per cent stake and was seeking to buy further shares. SCI recently moved to expand into the UK funerals market after winning control of Great **Southern Group**, unchanged at 765p, following its 775p a share takeover deal.

P&O, up 4p to 694p, benefited from reports of switching out of **Eurotunnel**, down 6p to 291p.

Among oils, **Shell** reversed an early loss to close at 720p, up 2p, after an announcement that Texaco, the US energy group, was in talks with Shell's chemicals division over the possible sale of its worldwide lubricant additives business.

□ **GILT-EDGED**: Government stocks were volatile. Gilts continued their slide in early trading in line with softer European bond markets. But there was a boost from the weaker than expected US CPI numbers, helping to squeeze the market £½ higher.

A late rally helped the September long gilt future to reverse early losses to end up 5 ticks at £100²²/₃₂, on good volume of 80,000 contracts.

Among cash stocks, there were modest losses at the short end, but gains extended to £⅜ among longer-dated stocks.

□ **NEW YORK**: US shares extended their gains into midday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 18.13 points to 3,769.03. Advancing issues led declining shares by 11 to seven.

PHILIP PANGALOS

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.5462 (+0.0132)
German mark .... 2.4062 (-0.0267)
Exchange index .... 79.1 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3142.3 (+4.1)
Dow Jones .... 3769.03 (+18.13)*
Nikkei Avg .... 20663.83 (-157.53)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank .... 5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆%*
US Federal Funds .... 4⁹⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills 4.36-4.35%*
Long Bond 7.48%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5450*	£:$	1.5455
$:DM	1.5585*	£:DM	2.4056
$:SwFr	1.3090*	£:SwFr	2.0208
$:FFr	5.3480*	£:FFr	8.2550
$:Yen	100.25*	£:Yen	154.86
£:SDR	1.0637	£:ECU	1.2586

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 377.70 .... PM 378.20
Close 377.10-377.60
New York
Comex 377.15-377.65*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $17.20 per bbl (Oct)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 144.7 Jun (2.6%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.02
Austria Sch	17.99	16.49
Belgium Fr	53.04	48.64
Canada $	2.244	2.084
Cyprus Cyp£	0.772	0.722
Denmark Kr	10.20	9.40
Finland Mkk	8.67	7.87
France Fr	8.75	8.05
Germany Dm	2.57	2.36
Greece Dr	378.00	353.00
Hong Kong $	12.60	11.60
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2545.00	2390.00
Japan Yen	170.00	153.00
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	2.863	2.633
Norway Kr	11.20	10.40
Portugal Esc	258.00	239.50
S Africa Rd	REF.	5.50
Spain Pta	208.00	194.00
Sweden Kr	12.68	11.88
Switzerland Fr	2.17	1.99
Turkey Lira	REFER	48634.0
USA $	1.645	1.515

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Howden pays £4.6m for South African group

BY CARL MORTISHED

HOWDEN group, the mining equipment and industrial fan manufacturer, is buying its South African competitor, Donkin Manufacturing Company and associated companies for £4.6 million.

The cost of the acquisition, plus £0.5 million for rationalisation of the business, is being funded with a £9.6 million share issue, placed yesterday with institutions at 93.75p per share. The rest of the cash raised will fund the £4.5 million cost of the purchase of FCD Corporation, a US maker of environmental control systems, announced in May.

Donkin makes fans and air handling units for the mining and industrial sectors in South Africa. Turnover was £10 million in the year to June 30, and Alan Maclachlan, Howden's company secretary, said the Donkin businesses were loss-making overall. Howden expects to bring Donkin back into profit by the end of next April. "It will make us the largest fan manufacturer in South Africa," he added.

Howden has been making fans for utilities and industrial companies in South Africa since the war, and now sees opportunities for expansion: "Part of the strategy is markets opening up ... South Africa will be the industrial hub for the whole of Southern Africa."



John Jackson, chairman of Howden, which placed £9.6 million of shares yesterday

Howden, whose chairman is John Jackson, is issuing 10.2 million shares, representing 3.6 per cent of the existing share capital and Mr Maclachlan does not expect any dilution of earnings. Howden had balance sheet gearing of 35 per cent at the end of April, and the cost of the deals would have taken the ratio up to 40 per cent.

The Glasgow group has been expanding its air-handling business, spending £40 million last year on two industrial fan makers, which helped to boost profits for the year to April 30 by 49 per cent to £27.6 million.

MG price drops on risk worry

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

SHARES in Metallgesellschaft, the German metals, trading and financial services group, lost almost 8 per cent of their value yesterday after the company admitted the success of its restructuring programme could not be guaranteed.

The shares plunged by DM16 to DM190.50 in response to the negative outlook, which confirmed analysts' views that the group would take years to return to financial health after almost going bankrupt in January. MG was salvaged in a DM3.4 billion ($2.2 billion) bail-out after risky oil contracts brought huge losses.

Kajo Neukirchen, new management board chairman, has already said he expects no improvement in the 1993/94 year from 1992/93's loss of almost DM2 billion ($1.3 billion).

Yesterday MG said it was issuing new shares at DM250 each, well above the current market price, to underpin its refinancing, but the company conceded they were a risky investment.

Metallgesellschaft repeated its forecast of a possible DM1 billion of further losses from its involvement with Castle Energy Corp, the US energy group.

WALL STREET

	Aug 12 midday	Aug 11 close
AMP Inc	72	73
AMR Corp	56	56
AT & T	53	53
Abbott Labs	28	28
Aetna Life	49	49
Ahmanson (HF)	21	21
Air Prod & Chem	48	47
Albertson's	26	26
Alcan Alumnm	23	24
Alco Standard	61	61
Allied Signal	36	36
Alum Co of Am	78	78
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	51	51
Amer Brands	34	34
Amer Cyanamid	92	93
Amer El Power	30	30
Amer Express	27	27
Amer Genl Corp	28	28
Amer Home Pr	58	57
Amer Intl	95	94
Amer Stores	24	24
Ameritech	42	41
Amoco	59	58
Anheuser-Busch	52	52
Apple Computer	34	34
Archer Daniels	24	24
Armco	5	6
Armstrng Wrld	47	47
Asarco	29	29
Ashland Oil	36	36
Atl Richfield	108	107
Auto Data Pro	53	52
Avery Dennison	33	33
Avon Products	57	58
Baker Hughes	19	19
Baltim Gas & El	22	22
Banc One	33	33
BankAmerica	48	48
Bank of NY	32	31
Bankers Tr NY	67	67
Barnett Banks	45	45
Bausch & Lomb	38	38
Baxter Intl	26	26
Bectn Dicknsn	44	43
Bell Atlantic	57	57
BellSouth	63	62
Black & Decker	21	21
Block (H&R)	41	41
Boeing	45	44
Boise Cascade	26	26
Borden Inc	12	12
Bristol Myrs Sq	55	55
Browning Ferris	30	30
Brunswick	21	22
Burlington Nthn	50	51
CBS	307	306
CNA Financial	60	60
CPC Intl	51	50
CSX	77	77
Campbell Soup	38	38
Can Pacific	15	16
Cpd Cities ABC	77	78
Carolina Pwr	26	26
Caterpillar	104	103
Central & SW	22	21
Champion Intl	34	34
Chase Manhat	35	35
Chemical Bk	38	38
Chevron Corp	42	42
Chrysler	46	46
Chubb Corp	73	73
Cigna Corp	65	64
Citicorp	42	41
Clorox	50	50
Coastal Corp	29	30
Coca Cola	43	43
Colgate-Palmolive	54	54
Columbia Gas	28	28
Commonw Ed	22	22
Compaq Comp	34	35
Comp Ass Int	40	41
Conagra	31	31
Cons Edison	28	27
Cons Nat Gas	39	39
Cons Rail	55	54
Cooper Inds	37	37
Corning Inc	30	31
Crown Cork	34	34
Dana Corp	27	27
Dayton Hudson	83	82
Deere	65	65
Delta Air Lines	48	48
Deluxe Corp	29	29
Detroit Edison	27	26
Digital Equip	21	21
Dillard Dept St	26	26
Disney (Walt)	43	43
Dominion Res	37	36
Donelley (RR)	28	28
Dover Corp	58	58
Dow Chemical	70	70
Dow Jones	30	30
Dresser	21	20
Duke Power	38	38
Dun & Brdstreet	57	57
Du Pont	59	58
Eastman Kodak	49	48
Eaton Corp	48	48
Emerson Elec	60	60
Engelhard Corp	25	25
Enron Corp	31	31
Entergy	24	24
Ethyl Corp	11	11
Exxon	60	59
FMC Corp	56	56
FPL Group	31	31
Federal Express	66	64
Fed Nat Mtge	87	86
First Chicago	50	50
First Interstate	75	74
First Union Rlty	6	6
Fleet Finl Grp	37	36
Fluor Corp	51	51
Ford Motor	29	29
GTE Corp	31	32
Gannett	49	49
Gap Inc Del	41	41
Gen Dynamics	39	39
Gen Electric	47	47
Gen Mills	52	52
Gen Motors	50	50
Gen Reinsurance	109	109
Gen Signal	34	34
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	67	68
Gillette	69	66
Glaxo ADR	19	19
Goodrich (BF)	45	45
Goodyear Tire	34	34
Grace (W&R)	39	39
Gt Atl Pac Tea	21	20
Great Wstn Fin	20	19
Halliburton	31	30
Harcourt General	34	34
Heinz (HJ)	37	35
Hercules	107	107
Hershey Foods	44	43
Hewlett Packard	81	81
Hilton Hotels	61	63
Home Depot	41	41
Homestake Mng	17	18
Honeywell	32	32
Household Intl	36	37
Houston Inds	34	34
Humana	19	19
ITT Corp	85	84
Illinois Tool	41	41
Illinova	20	20
INCO	26	26
Ingersoll Rand	36	36
Inland Steel	39	39
Intel Corp	60	60
IBM	64	64
Intl Flav & Fr	42	42
Intl Paper	73	74
James River Va	20	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	48	47
Kellogg	54	53
Kerr-McGee	48	48
Kimberly-Clark	59	58
Kmart	16	16
Knight-Ridder	53	52
Lilly (Eli)	54	52
Limited Inc	19	19
LIN Brdcstng	126	126
Lincoln Nat	35	35
Litton	38	37
Liz Claiborne	20	20
Lockheed	64	64
Louisiana Pac	31	31
MCI Comm	22	21
Marriott Int	29	29
Marsh & McLnn	85	85
Masco Corp	25	24
May Dept St	39	39
Maytag Corp	18	18
McCaw Cellular	52	52
McDonalds	26	26
McDonnell D	117	117
McGraw Hill	69	68
Mead Corp	48	48
Medtronic	87	86
Mellon Bk	57	56
Melville Corp	36	36
Merck Inc	32	32
Merrill Lynch	38	35
Minnesota Mine	55	55
Mobil Corp	83	83
Monsanto	83	82
Morgan (JP)	63	63
Motorola Inc	53	53
Natl Medical	18	18
Natl Semi	18	18
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	15	15
NBD Bancorp	32	32
NY Times A	23	23
Newmont Mng	38	39
Niag Mohawk	16	16
Nike B	64	63
NL Industries	10	10
Noram Energy	6	6
Nordstrom	44	44
Norfolk Sthrn	62	61
Nthn State Pwr	42	42
Norwest Corp	26	26
Nynex Corp	39	39
Occidental Pet	21	21
Ohio Edison	19	19
Oracle Systems	38	38
Oryx Energy Co	14	14
Owens Corning	35	34
PNC Financial	28	27
PPG Industries	38	38
Paccar Inc	48	48
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	21	21
Pac Gas & Elect	24	24
Pac Telesis	33	33
Pall Corp	16	16
Panhandle East	22	22
Parker Hannifin	42	42
Peco Energy	27	27
Penney (JC)	49	49
Pennzoil	50	50
Pepsico	31	31
Pfizer	65	65
Phelps Dodge	60	60
Philip Morris	55	55
Phillips Pet	32	31
Pitney Bowes	36	36
Polaroid	33	33
PriceCostco	14	14
Procter & Gmbl	55	55
Pub Serv E & G	27	27
Quaker Oats	74	73
Ralston Purina	38	37
Raychem Corp	36	37
Raytheon	65	65
Reebok Intl	35	35
Reynolds Metals	50	49
Roadway Srvcs	61	60
Rockwell Intl	35	35
Rohm & Haas	62	62
Royal Dutch	110	109
Rubbermaid	27	28
Safeco Corp	54	54
St Paul's Cos	44	44
Salomon Inc	42	41
Santa Fe Pac	19	14
Sara Lee Corp	22	21
Scecorp	13	13
Schering Plough	69	68
Schlumberger	58	58
Scott Paper	61	61
Seagram	30	30
Sears Roebuck	46	47
Shell Trans	66	66
Sherwin Wllms	32	32
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	36	36
Southern Co	19	18
Sthwestern Bell	43	43
Sprint Corp	37	36
Stanley Works	40	40
Sun Company	27	27
Sun Microsys	24	24
Suntrust	49	48
Supervalu	29	28
Syntex Corp	21	22
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	71	71
TCC Inds	3	3
Tandem Comp	14	14
Tandy Corp	39	39
Teledyne	17	17
Temple Inland	51	52
Tenneco	47	47
Texaco	61	61
Texas Inst	83	84
Texas Utilities	32	32
Textron	52	52
Time Warner	37	36
Times-Mirror	31	30
Timken	35	36
Torchmark	40	40
Toys R Us	33	33
Transamerica	51	51
Travelers	33	33
Tribune	51	50
Tyco Labs	44	44
UST Inc	29	29
UAL	100	100
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	111	109
Union Camp	47	48
Union Carbide	33	33
Union Pacific	58	58
Unisys Corp	9	9
USAIR Group	6	6
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	34	35
US West	40	40
United Tech	61	61
Unocal Corp	27	27
Upjohn	34	35
VF Corp	50	50
WMX Tech	28	28
Wal-Mart Stores	23	24
Warner-Lambert	77	76
Wells Fargo	158	158
Westinghouse El	12	11
Weyerhaeuser	42	42
Whirlpool	50	50
Whitman	16	16
Winn Dixie	50	49
Woolworth	15	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	41	41
Xerox	105	104

RECENT ISSUES

3i (272)	313	-1
Aromascan	98	...
Ball Gilf Shn Npn Wts	86	...
Beacon Inv Tst (100)	102	...
Beacon Inv Tst Wts	45	...
Carnell (18)	28	...
Emrg Mkts Country	53	...
Emrg Mkts Country Wts	34	...
Freeport Leisure	70	...
INVESCO Japan Discovery	92	-1
-do- Japan Discovery Wts	48	...
Ideal Hardware	280	...
JF Fledge Japan Wts	69	...
John Mansfield (3)	3½	+¼
Magnum Power	39	...
Old Mutual SA (100)	96	-1
Old Mutual SA Wts	43	-½
Orbis (23)	29	...
Panther Securities (90)	90	-1
Panther Wts	17	...
Petroceltic	40	...
Schroder Japan Gwth	96½	-½
Schroder Japan Wts	50	...
Suter Wrts 99/04	40	-2
TR Euro Gwth Ptg Sb (100)	99½	...
Tops Estates Wts	33	...
VideoLogic	40½	...
Yates Bros Wine (140)	173	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

BCE Hldgs n/p (8)	1¼	...
CRT n/p (85)	8	-1
Freeport Leisure n/p	5	...
Harstone n/p (15)	2	...
P & P n/p (60)	7	...
Prestwick n/p (24)	2½	...
Surrey Group n/p (1¼)	¼	...
Waddington (J) n/p (190)	18	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Whitbread	552p (+8p)
Leigh	227p (+7p)
Zeneca	825p (+13p)
Etam	296p (+8p)
Booker	441p (+7p)
United Biscuits	339p (+9p)
BOC	725p (+11p)
Plantsbrook	148p (+48p)
Reckitt & Colman	631p (+23p)
Royal	279p (+14p)
Leeds	282p (+13p)
Ocean Group	278p (+8p)

FALLS:

CRH	371p (-7p)
Govett	377p (-8p)
Broken Hill	928p (-24p)
De La Rue	933p (-8p)
Laird	428p (-7p)
Siebe	603p (-9p)
TI	387p (-8p)
General Accident	561p (-9p)
Carlton Comms	886p (-13p)
Pearson	629p (-12p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	11,000	Caradon	1,100	Legal & Gn	444	Scot Power	3,900
Abbey Natl	1,900	Carlton Cms	1,400	Lloyds Bk	2,000	Sears	3,600
Alld-Lyons	2,000	Coats Vyla	1,400	MEPC	59	Svrn Trent	533
Argyll Gp	5,800	Cm Union	826	Marks Spr	5,300	Shell Trans	3,000
Arjo Wiggn	287	Courtaulds	2,500	NFC	1,200	Siebe	2,000
AB Foods	33	De La Rue	109	NatWst Bk	4,600	Smkl Bch	2,900
BAA	943	Eastern Elec	4,300	Nat Power	1,200	Smith Nph	649
BAT Inds	4,200	Enterpr Oil	258	Nth Wst W	781	Sthern Elec	2,700
BOC	1,500	Forte	5,800	P & O	1,000	Std Chartd	3,400
BP	8,100	GKN	778	Pearson	1,800	Sun Allnce	1,700
BTR	5,400	GRE	3,000	PowerGen	1,700	TI Gp	856
BT	9,200	GUS	910	Prudential	4,800	TSB	5,600
Bk of Scot	1,100	Gen Acc	903	RMC	993	Tesco	3,600
Barclays	4,000	Gen Elec	3,900	RTZ	2,600	Thames W	977
Bass	1,300	Glaxo	3,300	Rank Org	3,200	Thrn EMI	539
Blue Circle	1,100	Granada	1,500	Reckitt Col	1,100	Tomkins	1,300
Boots	3,800	Grand Met	4,400	Redland	1,000	Unilever	9,300
Bowater	435	Guinness	1,100	Reed Intl	3,000	Utd Bisc	2,600
Brit Aero	4,400	HSBC	2,100	Rentokil	746	Vodafone	3,200
Brit Airwys	3,900	Hanson	11,000	Reuters	2,100	Warburg	2,100
Brit Gas	4,800	ICI	1,200	Rolls Royce	3,100	Wellcome	507
Brit Steel	7,200	Inchcape	1,300	Ryl Ins	9,100	Whitbread	1,600
Burmah Cstl	127	Kingfisher	937	Ryl Bk Scot	2,400	Wlims Hld	1,900
Cable Wire	3,700	Ladbroke	1,000	Sainsbury	1,500	Wolseley	249
Cadbury	1,900	Land Secs	399	Scot & New	1,300	Zeneca	1,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3769.03 (+18.13)
S&P Composite .... 461.64 (+2.76)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20663.83 (-157.53)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9464.56 (-59.98)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 414.43 (-2.38)

Sydney: AO .... 2051.9 (-10.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2124.68 (-30.60)

FT 30 share: .... 2469.2 (+8.7)

Brussels:
General .... 7600.50 (-76.66)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2006.95 (-31.98)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 665.60 (-4.20)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1577.78 (+1.74)
FT Non Financials .... 1712.49 (+3.30)
FT Gold Mines .... 235.9 (-0.7)
FT Fixed Interest .... 109.88 (-0.76)
FT Govt Secs .... 91.17 (-0.40)
Bargains 28181
SEAQ Volume 640.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 157.89 (-0.06)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Dealings From	Dealings To	Final Declaration	For Settlement
August 8	August 19	November 10	November 24

Call options were taken out on 12/8/94: Alvis, Bank of Ireland, Ennex International, Tullow Oil
Puts: Bank of Ireland, Tullow Oil.
Put & Call: Alvis.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 94	3136.0	3168.0	3112.0	3159.0	17485
Previous open interest: 60406	Dec 94	3140.0	3140.0	3133.0	3172.5	9
Three Month Sterling	Sep 94	93.99	94.07	93.97	93.99	18484
Previous open interest: 542361	Dec 94	93.21	93.30	93.17	93.23	47038
	Mar 95	92.61	92.71	92.55	92.64	12837
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 94	94.82	94.87	94.81	94.87	178
Previous open interest: 7046	Dec 94				94.15	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 94	94.95	95.01	94.95	94.98	28213
Previous open interest: 787391	Dec 94	94.71	94.85	94.71	94.80	57784
Long Gilt	Sep 94	100-03	101-05	99-22	100-22	80756
Previous open interest: 119025	Dec 94	99-13	100-18	99-13	100-08	52
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 94	107.73	107.95	107.73	107.94	317
	Dec 94	106.67	106.92	106.67	106.91	2026
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 94	91.27	91.80	90.80	91.58	162367
Previous open interest: 167429	Dec 94	90.47	90.92	89.90	90.74	5823
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 94				96.87	0
Previous open interest: 76	Dec 94					0
Three month ECU	Sep 94	93.78	93.78	93.58	93.69	2587
Previous open interest: 25653	Dec 94	93.48	93.48	93.28	93.39	1910
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 94	95.46	95.52	95.42	95.50	4648
Previous open interest: 52836	Dec 94	95.23	95.33	95.22	95.31	2807
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 94	97.75	98.55	96.80	97.80	52236
Previous open interest: 87229	Dec 94	96.30	97.25	95.90	96.64	540

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.1 (day's range 79.0-79.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 12	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6983-2.7122	2.7006-2.7040	⅛pr-⅛ds	1⅛-1pr
Brussels	49.51-49.85	49.56-49.66	2-4ds	3-8ds
Copenhagen	9.5190-9.6050	9.5190-9.5340	⅛pr-⅛ds	¼-⅛pr
Dublin	1.0135-1.0170	1.0137-1.0164	4-10ds	13-23ds
Frankfurt	2.4026-2.4160	2.4040-2.4072	⅛pr-par	⅞-⅛pr
Lisbon	246.79-247.97	246.80-247.44	165-205ds	394-492ds
Madrid	200.47-201.57	201.27-201.57	42-59ds	117-145ds
Milan	2449.90-2474.90	2470.80-2474.90	8-10ds	22-24ds
Montreal	2.1329-2.1439	2.1336-2.1366	0.10-0.09pr	0.03-0.13ds
New York	1.5450-1.5500	1.5450-1.5460	0.09-0.06pr	0.29-0.26pr
Oslo	10.5610-10.6320	10.5610-10.5760	¼-1¼ds	1¼-2⅞ds
Paris	8.2380-8.2990	8.2480-8.2620	⅛-⅜ds	⅛-⅛ds
Stockholm	12.0080-12.1260	12.0080-12.0320	3⅛-4ds	9⅛-10⅛ds
Tokyo	154.33-154.99	154.73-154.99	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.91-17.01	16.91-16.95	1-⅛pr	3⅛-2⅛ds
Zurich	2.0163-2.0330	2.0193-2.0222	¼-⅛pr	⅞-⅛pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5418-1.5444
Australia dollar	2.0810-2.0838
Bahrain dinar	0.5780-0.5900
Brazil real*	1.3857-1.3898
Cyprus pound	0.7306-0.7406
Finland markka	7.9520-8.0680
Greece drachma	362.50-369.50
Hong Kong dollar	11.9476-11.9569
India rupee	48.12-49.08
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4575-0.4675
Malaysia ringgit	3.9516-3.9557
Mexico peso	5.18-5.28
New Zealand dollar	2.5722-2.5776
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7470-5.8730
Singapore dollar	2.3281-2.3299
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9724-7.0234
S Africa rand (com)	5.5455-5.5538
U A E dirham	5.6255-5.7495

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3458-1.3468
Austria	10.95-10.96
Belgium (Com)	32.05-32.06
Canada	1.3803-1.3808
Denmark	6.1610-6.1665
France	5.3375-5.3415
Germany	1.5551-1.5556
Hong Kong	7.7281-7.7291
Ireland	1.5213-1.5223
Italy	1594.00-1595.00
Japan	99.88-99.93
Malaysia	2.5560-2.5570
Netherlands	1.7462-1.7467
Norway	6.8338-6.8358
Portugal	159.70-160.00
Singapore	1.5055-1.5060
Spain	129.85-130.00
Sweden	7.7845-7.7930
Switzerland	1.3055-1.3060

MONEY MARKET RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 4¾ Low 3 Week fixed: 4¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth 5½. Sell: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth: 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅝-5¼	5⅝-5½	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank:	5⅜-5⅛	5⅞-5⅝	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6½
	5⅜-5⅛	5⅞-5⅝	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6½

Overnight: open 4¾, close 3½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅝	6	6½
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅝-5¼	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6	6⅝-6½
Dollar CDs:	4.52-4.49	n/a	4.80-4.77	5.24-5.21	5.80-5.77
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5	5⅝-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 29, 1994 Agreed rates Aug 24, 1994 to Sept 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.50 %. Reference rate July 1, 1994 to July 29, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.246 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4½-4	4⅝-4½	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	5⅛-5¼	4½-3¾
Deutschemark:	5-4¾	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅛-5	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-4½
French Franc:	5⅝-5⅜	5⅝-5⅜	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾	6-5
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-3¹³⁄₁₆	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3⅛
Yen:	2⅛-1¹⁵⁄₁₆	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

Bullion: Open $378.70-379.10 Close: $377.10-377.60 High: $378.75-379.25
Low: $377.00-377.50 Krugerrand: $379.00-381.00 (£246.00-248.00)
Sovereigns: Old $88.50-90.50 (£56.75-58.75) New $88.50-90.50 (£56.75-58.75)
Platinum: $413.00 (£267.40) Silver: $5.11 (£3.30) Palladium: $151.85 (£99.05)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	589	29	—	—	21	—	—
(*590½)	639	10½	—	—	53½	—	—
Argyll	260	25	31½	37	8	14½	18
(*274½)	280	13½	21	27	18	24½	29
ASDA	60	6	8½	10½	3	6	7
(*63½)	70	2½	4½	6	10½	12	12½
Boots	500	46	54	64	7½	16½	22
(*532½)	550	16½	27	37½	31	40½	45½
Br Airways	420	26	35½	45½	17	27½	33
(*424)	460	9½	18½	28½	42½	50½	56
BP	390	33	41	47	9	15	19
(*410)	420	15	24½	32	22	29	33½
Br Steel	160	9½	14½	19½	7½	11½	14½
(*160½)	180	3	7	11½	22½	24	26½
C & W	420	22	40½	52	14½	22	29
(*431½)	460	12½	24	32	37½	47	52
CU	550	29½	41	46½	22½	27½	39½
(*561½)	600	7	19	26	57	59½	71
ICI	800	69	89	100	12½	23	36
(*846½)	850	37	58½	69½	31½	44½	59
Kingfisher	500	34	48½	59½	19½	26½	31½
(*516)	550	13	25½	36½	49½	54½	59
Land Sec	650	32½	41½	54	14½	25	27½
(*654½)	700	11	18	30½	45½	54	56
M & S	420	24½	33	42	11	18½	22
(*430)	460	7	15	24	35	41	44
Nat West	420	42	53	59	9	14	24
(*448)	460	18	30	37	26½	31½	45
Sainsbury	420	23	30½	40½	21½	29½	34
(*420)	460	8	14½	24½	48	53½	58
Shell	700	33½	47	55	18	25	35½
(*719)	750	10	22	30½	50	55	64½
Smkl Bch	420	27½	38	47	16	24½	30
(*431½)	460	10½	20½	28½	41	48½	53½
Storehse	200	26	30	33½	3½	6	9
(*219½)	220	12½	17½	22	10½	14	18
Trafalgar	90	11	13	16½	3	7½	9
(*94)	100	5½	7½	12	10½	14	15
Unilever	1050	71	92	103	14	24	36½
(*1097½)	1100	42	61½	72½	33	45	59
Zeneca	800	45½	62	74	21½	32½	48
(*820½)	850	19½	36½	50	50	60	75
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	34½	41½	49½	14½	24½	29
(*433)	460	15½	22½	31½	36½	46	51
Ladbroke	160	21	25½	30	8	10½	13½
(*171)	180	10½	16	21	19½	22	24½
Utd Bisc	330	25	30½	35½	15½	19½	27½
(*339)	360	11	17½	22½	33½	37	45½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	475	35	44	53	8	14	17
(*495)	500	19½	28½	38	18½	24½	28½
Thames W	500	22	34½	44	17	27½	32
(*505½)	550	8	15	22½	49	59	63
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	31½	43	49	17½	22	31½
(*426)	460	14	24	29½	42	45½	55
BTR	360	28½	36	40	12½	15½	23
(*377½)	390	13	20½	25	28	32	38½
Br Aero	460	54	68½	75	19½	30	37½
(*490)	500	31½	49½	55	39	51½	58
Br Telecm	360	30½	34½	39½	8½	16	18½
(*375½)	390	14	19	25	24	32½	34½
Cadbury	460	25½	37	42	19½	27½	31
(*466½)	500	9	19½	24½	46	48	54½
Guinness	430	46	52½	58	7½	12½	18
(*453½)	460	21	28	34½	24½	29½	36½
GEC	280	16½	20½	26	12	16½	18½
(*280½)	300	8	12	17	24	28	30
Hanson	260	16	20½	24	10½	15½	19
(*265½)	280	7	10	16	23	27	30½
LASMO	134	27	—	—	5	—	—
(*157½)	154	12½	—	—	10	—	—
Lucas	200	16	20	24	13½	17½	21
(*203½)	220	7	12	16	27½	30½	33½
Pilkingtn	180	22	25	28	5½	10½	11½
(*193)	200	10½	13½	17	15	21	22
Prudential	300	22½	29½	33½	12½	17	24
(*310)	330	8½	16	19½	30½	34	41½
Redland	500	50½	60½	65½	14½	25	34
(*535½)	550	23½	35	40½	40½	50½	61½
Royal Ins	260	29½	36½	40	8½	15	19½
(*278)	280	17½	26½	29½	21½	25	30
Tesco	240	16	22½	26	13½	17	20½
(*242½)	260	7½	14	17½	25	28½	32
Vodafone	183	16	19½	—	8½	12	—
(*197½)	200	8	12	16	18½	21½	23½
Williams	354	27	—	—	12	—	—
(*370)	384	12½	—	—	28	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3142½)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Aug	157	109	65	29	12	3½
Sep	178	137	101	71	47	28
Oct	194	156	126	97	74	53
Nov	218	181	150	121	96	75
Dec	236	—	172	—	117	—
Puts						
Aug	3	4½	12	28	60	110
Sep	20	30	43	63	99	122
Oct	40	53	70	92	118	148
Nov	54	68	86	107	133	162
Dec	68	—	102	—	149	—

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	17½	29	37	13½	19½	27½
(*398½)	420	6½	15	25½	33½	37	45½
Amstrad	30	5	6½	7½	2	3	4
(*33)	35	2½	4	5½	4	6	7
Barclays	500	50	61	73½	6	12	21
(*546½)	550	15	31	45½	24½	33	44
Blue Circ	300	21	30	37½	9	16	21
(*311½)	330	6½	16	24	28	34	38
Br Gas	280	17	21	26½	6	14	17
(*286½)	300	7	11½	16½	16½	26	29
Dixons	200	13	20½	25½	10½	14½	19
(*201½)	220	5	11½	17	23½	26½	31
Forte	220	22½	26½	31½	4	9	12½
(*236)	240	10½	15	21½	12	18½	22
Hillsdwn	160	23	26½	30	2	4	6½
(*179½)	180	9	14	19½	8½	13	15
Lonrho	130	11	16	19	5½	8	11½
(*134½)	140	5½	11	14	11	14	17
Sears	120	7½	11	14	4	7	9
(*123)	130	3	6	8½	9½	13	14½
Thrn Emi	1000	54	81½	96½	18½	37	53½
(*1029½)	1050	27	55½	69½	44	62	77½
Tomkins	220	21	27½	31	4	8	11½
(*235)	240	8	16	19½	12	16½	21
TSB	200	13½	19	24	5	9	14
(*210½)	220	4	11	14	17½	21	25½
Wellcome	650	50½	73½	88	16	29	40½
(*678½)	700	23	47½	62	41	55	65
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	600	43	56½	65½	30	41	54½
(*622½)	650	18	34½	44	61	71	84
HSBC	750	55½	78½	93	45½	62	85
(*759)	800	34	59½	72½	75	90	115
Reuter	4975	28	—	—	21½	—	—
(*490.0)	5000	22	35½	47½	27½	35	43½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	180	25½	30	33½	6	9½	13
(*196½)	200	13	18½	23	15	18½	22½
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Fisons	140	11½	15	17½	4½	9	11½
(*146)	160	3	6	9	17	22	24
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	700	66½	100½	113½	15½	29½	32
(*762)	750	54½	70	85	32½	44	52
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	460	30½	41	52	10	22	25
(*475½)	500	9½	22	32	31½	45	46½
Scot Pwr	360	31	43½	48	6½	12	17
(*381½)	390	13½	20	30½	19	25½	31

August 12, 1994 Tot: 35452 Calls: 12706 Puts: 22746 FT-SE Calls: 2271 Puts: 12331
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Certain bullish stories are pervading the coffee market, perhaps there will be only one more Brazlilian coffee auction, or the government might force exporters to sell one bag of coffee domestically for every two they ship. However, while most of these stories seem suspiciously bullish, it must be noted that the government sees high internal coffee prices as a major cause for concern.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	1063-1062	Dec	1149-1145
Dec	1099-1098	Mar	1108-1107
Mar	1107-1106	May	1168-1155
May	1116-1115	Jul	1180-1165
Jul	1127-1125		
Sep	1135-1130		Volume: 7622

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	3340-3335	May	3240-3225
Nov	3293-3290	Jul	3235-3220
Jan	3270-3265	Sep	3240-3220
Mar	3250-3245		Volume: 3343

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		May	unq
Spot: 304.30		Jul	—
Oct	12.10-12.20	Oct	—
Jan	unq	Jan	—
Mar	—		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	316.0-14.5
Spot: 344.00		Aug	317.5-15.5
Oct	318.0-17.4	Oct	305.0-01.0
Dec	315.7-14.5	Dec	305.0-98.5
Mar	316.0-15.0		Volume: 316

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	75.97	92.49	124.07
(+/-)	+8.22	-5.05	+2.30
Eng/Wales:	75.96	93.15	123.67
(+/-)	+8.29	-4.53	+2.09
(%)	+13.0	-7.0	+21.0
Scotland:	76.98	88.99	125.92
(+/-)	+1.25	-7.82	+3.38
(%)	-16.0	+6.0	+6.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	—	—	Mar	—	—
Sep	—	—		Volume:	—

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	105.15
Nov	105.95
Jan	107.90
Mar	109.40
May	111.75
	Volume: 458

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	104.25
Nov	105.35
Jan	106.25
Mar	108.25
May	109.75
	Volume: 100

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Sep	unq
Nov	—
Jan	—
Mar	—
May	—
	Volume: ...

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	198.0	203.8
May	unq	235.0
	Volume:	125

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Sep 78.75-79.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The market let prices slide whilst waiting for more news from Nigeria.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.10	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Sep)	17.35	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Oct)	17.20	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	18.45	-0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.40	-0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	210 (-2)	213 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	152 (-2)	153 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Sep	152 (-2)	153 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Oct	154 (-3)	156 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	85 (-3)	87 (-3)
Naphtha	164 (-1)	165 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Sep	152.50-52.75	Dec	160.50 BID
Oct	155.75-56.00	Jan	161.50-62.00
Nov	158.75-59.00	Feb	162.00-62.50
			Vol: 11449

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	17.30-17.32	Dec	16.96-17.02
Oct	17.17-17.19	Jan	16.88-16.94
Nov	17.10 SLR		Vol: 35756

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	unq	Nov	—
Sep	—	Dec	—
Oct	—		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 94	1505	1495	1495
Sep 94	1465	1454	1454
Oct 94	1467	1456	1460
Jan 95	1483	1475	1473

Vol: 140 lots. Open int'st: 2422 Index 1499 +3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2418.5-2419.0	2423.0-2424.0	1198150
Lead ($/tonne)	561.00-562.00	579.50-580.00	132925
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	947.00-948.00	971.00-971.50	468175
Tin ($/tonne)	5175.0-5185.0	5250.0-5255.0	10210
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1470.0-1471.0	1498.0-1498.5	1006125
Nickel ($/tonne)	5740.0-5745.0	5830.0-5835.0	61032

GRAND METROPOLITAN: **Sir Allen Sheppard and George Bull**

Grand masters well matched on the board

Partnership power

On first meeting, GrandMet's top men seem an unlikely duo. But appearances can be deceptive, says Susan Gilchrist



Sir Allen Sheppard, left, Grand Metropolitan chairman, says that George Bull, chief executive, is one of the few people who can match his legendary energy skills

There is no shortage of corporate testosterone coursing through the corridors of Grand Metropolitan's palatial head office in St James's, London. But then this is the home of Sir Allen Sheppard, once voted the toughest boss in Britain.

Few businessmen have developed such a fearsome reputation as the dynamic and hyperactive chairman of GrandMet. He is invariably described as "ballsy", "demanding" and "aggressive", even by those who have never met him. His rise from working class roots in London's East End to the top of British industry has become the stuff of corporate legend.

He has now been joined at the helm by George Bull, who became chief executive last December when Sir Allen, who has been made a life peer, split the roles. On first meeting, they appear an unlikely duo. While Sir Allen speaks in a broad Cockney accent, Bull's deep plummy tones are testimony to his schooling at Ampleforth and time as a Guards officer. Sir Allen's tough and direct style is almost the antithesis of the amiable and slightly buffoonish manner adopted by Bull. But appearances can be deceptive. One drinks industry director said: "Allen is tough, but he is not the callous figure he is sometimes portrayed to be, whereas George, although immensely charming, has the capacity to be hard as nails when he wants."

The two admit as much themselves. "George keeps on telling everybody he is a terrible strategist," Sir Allen says. "He always says he is just a liquor salesman in the same way I call myself a reformed bookie. But in fact he is a very good strategist. The whole vision of taking IDV from nothing in 1972 to the world's leading wine and spirits operation was down to three people, one of whom was George. I always say management is about vision, people and common sense, and that is what George is all about."

It was Bull's record at IDV that secured him the job of chief executive. Nevertheless, it came as a surprise to many in the City, who had believed Ian Martin, the former group chief operating officer, would be next in line. The decision to choose Bull rather than the more abrasive Martin was seen as a sign that GrandMet was opting for a change of management style.

Sir Allen acknowledges he and Bull have different ways of working. "I will go into meetings and take a very strong line on something and say precisely what we should do. But I expect people to counter-punch and I get quite irritated when they don't. George is more of a consensus man. He attempts to draw views from people before injecting his own views." He jokes: "The truth is that we are both extremely modest people, it's just that he shows it better."

His challenging and sometimes confrontational approach has left its mark on GrandMet board meetings, which are notoriously rowdy. "They are very fast-moving and with very quick interchanges. People rarely get to finish sentences. Some of our non-executives describe our board meetings as the most exciting they ever attend because we really do make decisions. We are not very good at saying 'let's have another report on that'."

Sir Allen rejects the corporate bully-boy image that has built up around him, even though at times he has contributed to it with inadvertent macho remarks. He once described his working style as "management by a loose grip of the throat". He claims he is not as insensitive as many believe. "Without wanting to sound like Tony Blair, some of the caring attitude of GrandMet does not come across to outsiders." The company may have had to fire people, but it has done so in the quickest and cleanest way possible, he says. "It is better to have certain bad news than uncertainty. That sounds tough, but it is, in fact, to do with caring. To use a military metaphor, we will shoot a person, but are not willing to torture them. George basically thinks the same way."

So does he get annoyed by his fearsome reputation? "Not really. There's nothing I can do about it anyway. I could have a nervous breakdown about it, but I don't really have the time," he adds.

Sir Allen says his chief executive is one of the few people who can match his legendary energy levels. "George is the only guy I know who went to Brazil for a day," he says. Both seem to thrive on pressure, although Sir Allen is the only one who describes himself as a workaholic. During the innumerable hours they have spent together in the office, they have forged a strong partnership. "George is always saying the relationship between us has been seamless, which probably means I'm being stitched up," Sir Allen says. "But looking back over the past year I think he's right."

BULL admits Sir Allen's reputation preceded him. "He was known to be an abrupt and tough negotiator, who would always be bashing a strong point of view, which, indeed, was the case. But I didn't find that off-putting, not least because he has this huge sense of humour, which takes the sting out of the debate. And while he has a firm opinion, he will always listen to and accommodate other points of view."

He says the two mesh pugnacious guy, but our relationship doesn't work by having fisticuffs. It's a bit like a marriage. You either marry someone who is tremendously similar and shares all the same interests, or you marry someone who has none of the same interests, but it works because it is a blending of the opposites. Our relationship is like the latter." Bull says he was genuinely surprised when offered the chief executive's post. "I didn't even aspire to the job. I was perfectly relaxed doing what I did." He remembers Sir Allen calling him into his office last summer. "I had no idea what it was about. I had to come away from another meeting, and I kept thinking 'I hope this doesn't take too long'."

At the time of the appointment, GrandMet's publicity machine made much of the complementary fit of Bull's sales and marketing background and Sir Allen's financial skills. Bull believes this is an over-simplification. "It is more complex than that. Allen may pretend to be a slouch on marketing issues, but he isn't. He is very sharply tuned. Although I am not a financial man, I have been in the front line at IDV for years and I have taught myself to read the numbers." While Sir Allen possesses immense financial acumen, his last real finance job was at Ford in 1964. Bull says that one of the biggest differences between them is their attitude to authority. Sir Allen hates to be pushed around, whereas Bull says he is more accepting of authority, although always prepared to challenge it.

This diverging view manifests itself in their attitudes towards the Army. Sir Allen loathed National Service because the Army represented everything he hated about authority. In contrast, Bull signed on for another year after National Service and seriously considered a military career before opting for industry. He still believes the Army has a lot to teach companies about management. It certainly seems to inform Bull's loud and robust public-speaking style. Even when addressing a small group of fund managers or City analysts, he sounds as though he is addressing the troops before going into battle.

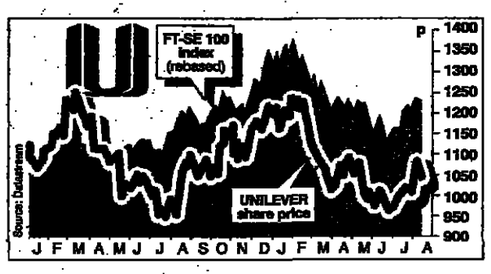
He admits: "I am not reluctant to get on my feet and make speeches." A spectator at one of these meetings says: "I didn't know whether to laugh or be frightened." While he may adopt a tub-thumping delivery on the public platform, on a one-to-one basis he is surprisingly restrained, particularly with those he does not know well — an old-fashioned formality replaces the hyperbole and theatrics. He sounds more like a Jane Austen character than Henry V. If he is so different in private than in public, could the same be said of his chairman? "Allen does live up to his corporate myth, but I think that the man underneath it is actually a bigger and more sensitive man than the cover story gives credit for."

Unilever keeps itself clean

MUCH to the City's relief, the messy recriminations of the soap wars have hardly left a stain on Unilever's financial performance. Unilever's increase in second-quarter profits, which confounded universal predictions of a decline, is a timely reminder of the size and diversity of the group and its limited exposure to one high profile product. The City's appreciation of that point was the principal factor behind yesterday's 5 per cent jump in the share price.

Concentrated soap powder sales in Europe account for only 2 per cent of Unilever's turnover. While this business has had an uncomfortable time of late, sweating under the glare of Procter & Gamble's accusations, the group had more than enough scope to take up the slack. That was particularly true in America, where, in the first quarter, it managed to turn in only a £10 million profit on sales of £1.3 billion. The gross operating margin of 6.3 per cent of the second quarter looked far more respectable.

The US improvement helped to cushion the pressure in Europe, where margins slipped 0.3 percentage points to 9.1 per cent. The price battle between the British supermarkets is as much to blame as any odium that Persil has suffered at the hands of P&G. The damage could well have been worse but Unilever's recent acquisitive spree in the ice cream industry has brought a series of high-margin businesses into the fold. They have also provided additional sales, which helped the region's turnover rise 6 per cent.



Unilever shares have underperformed lately as the general disfavour of brands and the tussle with Procter & Gamble have taken their toll. They are now selling, even after yesterday's rise, on 13 times forecast earnings, assuming the group can turn in a £2.4 billion pre-tax profit and are therefore on a discount of almost 10 per cent to the market as a whole. At this level, they look inexpensive, however hard P&G huffs and puffs.

Corporate profits

THE recent crop of interim results has seen several startling performances, not least the 62 per cent profit growth at GKN. The City has taken a sanguine view of such feats, and even the most athletic are only rewarded with a gain of a few pence. Any shortfall by contrast is punished with a swift and heavy markdown.

The problem is that the market is already expecting a great deal from British companies this year. The non-financials are forecast to increase earnings 17 per cent this year, or almost 14 per cent in real terms. That compares with a grisly long-term average of *minus* 0.5 per cent in real terms.

So while the market may not look expensive, a sharp rise in corporate profitability is already in the price. The current average prospective p/e ratio in the non-financial sector is around 14, compared with a long-term average of 12.7.

The best hope for the second half and next year is if companies can maintain the momentum. So far, most profit growth has been generated from cost-savings and devaluation benefits. Turnover growth remains modest. If businesses can use their meaner cost structures to attract new customers and capture new markets, that would give the stock market a reason to be more positive.

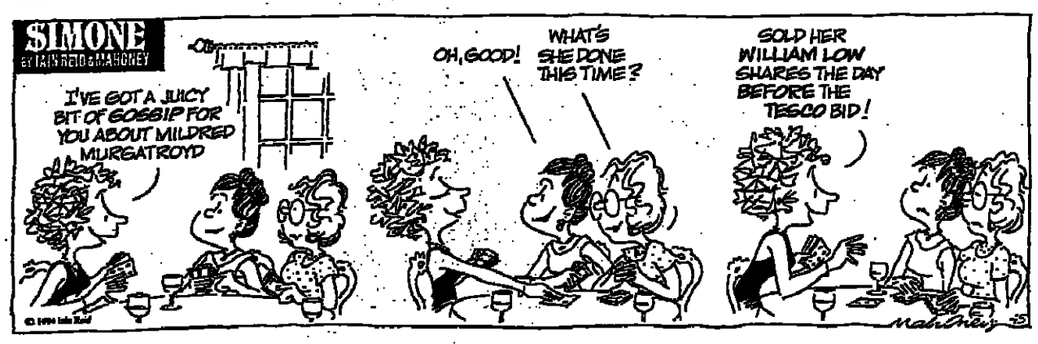
Plantsbrook

SERVICE Corporation International's 3 per cent holding in Plantsbrook does not quite drive a stake through the heart of Loewen's ambitions to build a funeral business in the UK but SCI has made the task more expensive for the Canadians.

Having been elbowed out of the competition for Great Southern this week, Loewen knocked on the door of an even bigger funeral business. Unfortunately, its behaviour was all too predictable and Bill Heiligbrodt, SCI president ("I may be a nice guy but I'm not dumb"), has lived up to at least half of his own self-portrait.

The likelihood of a bid for Plantsbrook emerging soon looks slim. The company is now trading on a multiple of 18 times its post-tax earnings but, more important, it has significant shareholders. Pompes Funèbres Générales, a French funeral business controlled by Lyonnaise des Eaux, owns a fully diluted 48 per cent of the stock, while PDFM, the fund manager that played a pivotal role in the bid for Lasmo, have 13 per cent. The latter are well positioned to play a similar game in any future auction and at present the only company that looks disadvantaged is Loewen.

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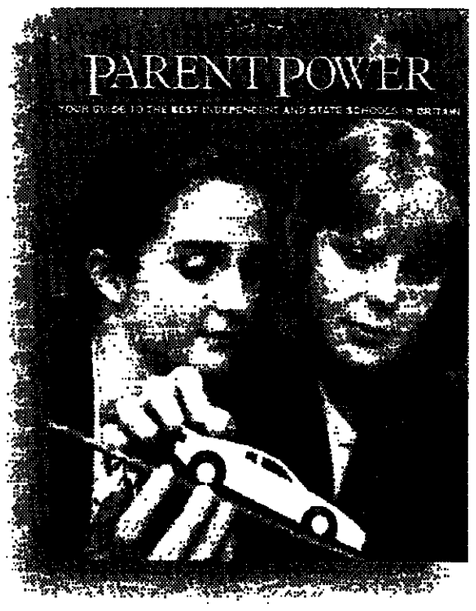
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Single people do not need complex policies. **Damian Reece** starts a series on what investments you need when

Keep your saving simple

IF YOU are young and single, the last thing you want to be burdened with is a string of complicated life assurance policies and investments that pay you next to nothing if you want to get your money out early. The trick is to keep your financial affairs simple and concentrate on building up some savings, perhaps to put towards a mortgage or even, for the far-sighted, a pension. Much will depend on your salary and individual circumstances, but here are some general rules that are worth remembering.


JAMES MORGAN

Sue Southwood has a personal pension plan and saves her overtime money

The first step, once you've paid off your student debts and are solvent, is to concentrate on arranging your affairs in an orderly manner. Keep your bank statements and salary advice slips up to date — these will come in useful later when trying to arrange mortgages and other loans.

Make a monthly budget to keep track of bills, credit card payments and living expenses. This way you can work out how much you've got to save on a regular basis.

Tax ought to be quite straightforward for the single person. You can save tax by investing in saving schemes such as tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessas), personal equity plans (Peps) and certain National Savings accounts. (See savings and investments).

Every individual can earn £3,445 before paying tax. The remainder is taxed at increasing rates from 20 per cent for the first £3,000, 25 per cent between £3,000 and £23,700 and 40 per cent thereafter. For single people who have sole responsibility for bringing up children, there is an additional personal tax allowance of £1,720. Individuals can also make capital gains of £5,800 each year before having to pay capital gains tax.

There is nothing to stop a single person from taking out a mortgage, but without a capital lump sum to put down as a deposit, many building socieites may be unwilling to lend money.

Do not be pressured by an insurance salesman working in a building society or bank to buy an endowment with which to repay a mortgage. Ask about repayment and interest-only mortgages. You can also pay off an interest-only mortgage with a Pep or other investment.

It is not often that a life assurance salesman tells a prospective customer not to take out a policy. But when Sue Southwood, decided, as a single woman of 29, that she wanted a personal pension, a National Westminster salesman told her it was not worth starting a plan because she might get married, have children and not be able to keep up the contributions.

NatWest said pensions were a long-term commitment and it did not encourage people to stop paying in the first few years because high charges wiped out much of the benefit.

Other companies did not take the attitude that Ms Southwood's possible future plans were a bar to starting a pension. Ms Southwood, a marketing consultant, who did not have the option of joining her company's pension scheme, now puts £100 a month towards a Prudential pension. The plan was arranged by Holden Meehan, the independent financial adviser, and she gets tax relief on her contributions. Holden Meehan will earn £1,000 commission in the first contribution year and then 2.5 per cent of premiums between years three and ten.

Ms Southwood also puts all her overtime money (between £300 and £1,000 a month) into a Nationwide savings account. She has now just married (ironically in the light of the Nat West's advice) and she and her husband are thinking about taking a Tessa and a Pep.

PENSIONS

YOU do not need sophisticated pension arrangements. If you can afford to contribute to a pension, then do so. The earlier you start, the more you will have on retirement. There are two main types, occupational and personal pensions.

If your company runs an occupational scheme, join it. Company schemes nearly always offer better benefits than personal pensions sold by insurance salesmen. Alarm bells should ring if a salesman suggests that you opt out of a company scheme for a personal pension. This is almost certainly bad advice.

Similarly, transferring your company pension to a personal pension should you change jobs could well be a bad move, apart from being expensive. You can leave the company pension to carry on growing.

If you cannot join a company scheme or think you will be moving jobs frequently, consider a personal pension. These are sold by insurance companies, banks and building societies. You can continue contributing to the same plan even if you move jobs.

The state pension is currently £57.60 for a single person and £92.10 for a married couple, so making arrangements is important and you get tax breaks for doing so. Pensions can wait until you have built up some savings, but do not wait much beyond your late twenties to start one.

LIFE ASSURANCE

YOU almost certainly do not need life assurance, which is protection for dependants, such as a spouse or children. It pays out to them if you die.

You may have to have life assurance when taking out a mortgage. Lenders will normally insist on a policy that pays off the loan if you die before the mortgage is cleared. Term assurance, which pays off the loan if you die, but pays nothing if you live, is the cheapest and simplest cover. It is normally sold with a repayment mortgage.

Do not be fooled by insurance salesmen selling endowment policies. These combine a savings scheme and life insurance in one, often expensive, policy and are only suitable in some circumstances for repaying a mortgage.

SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS

THIS is where your real financial priorities lie. As a single person with only yourself to look after, you may well find money left over each month to put aside. Regular savings build up a useful lump sum for future financial commitments, such as buying a house or getting married. Keep your savings plans flexible so if your circumstances change you can get at your money straight away, without large penalty. Put some money in an instant access or notice account at a building society. Rates are low, especially on instant access, but it is important to have some cash for emergencies. Tax at basic rate is deducted at source. A tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessa) from banks or building societies pays interest tax free provided you do not touch the money for five years. You can save up to £9,000 tax free this way, £3,000 in the first year and up to £1,800 each subsequent year, as long as the total saved does not exceed £9,000. You can withdraw your money at any time and still get interest, but tax is then deducted in the normal way. National Savings certificates are also worth considering, as they pay interest tax free. But you get the full benefit only if you leave them invested for five years. If you cash them in early, you will get little or no interest. You could also consider a personal equity plan (Pep), if you want to take more risk. You can invest up to £6,000 per year in company shares, unit trusts or investment trusts and get income and capital growth tax free. As stock market investments, Peps can be quite volatile. High upfront charges can also eat into your investment. However, stock market investments generally give better returns than banks or building societies. Endowment policies also invest in the stock market, but you will almost certainly not get back what you put in if you cash in the policy before it matures.

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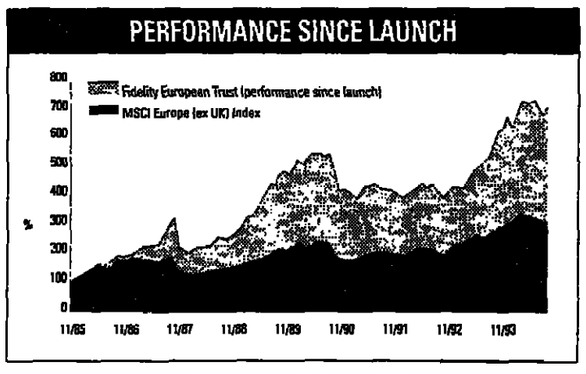
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What C&G will pay

A revised deal will create more winners than losers, writes Sara McConnell

Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society borrowers will be cursing their bad luck this weekend — unless they also have a share account open since before the end of 1992 or a deposit account. If they have no savings with C&G, they have no chance of qualifying for a windfall after Lloyds Bank's £1.8 billion takeover bid.

Savers will rejoice at their good fortune. Under the revised deal announced this week, they will get an average bonus of £2,000. Savers with serious money in their accounts (£100,000 or more) will receive an equally serious bonus of £13,500, if they qualify.

Savers and borrowers alike have been waiting to be told the terms of the revised plan ever since C&G was forced to go back to the drawing board two months ago. The High Court ruled that the society could not include in the payout borrowers, or investors whose share accounts had been open less than two years before a set qualifying date. No one will get anything unless members vote in favour, which is why C&G spent so long coming up with a formula to satisfy the court and include as many people as possible.

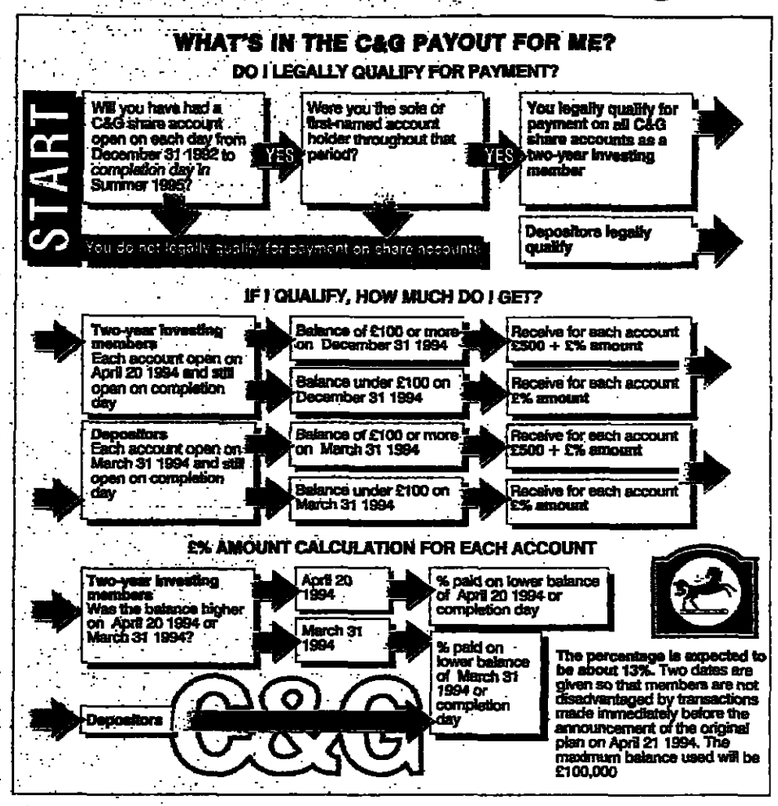
Now, savers will qualify for a payout if they have had savings in a share account continuously since December 31, 1992, and keep their money there until the takeover happens in the summer of 1995. How much they get depends on how much they have in their account (see graphic). Share accounts include Cheltenham Gold, London Share, Instant 7, Best 90 and Tessa. Deposit accounts such as London Deposit qualify without restriction.

Borrowers who are not also savers will get nothing. Under the original plan, they would have got £500 for each account. Andrew Longhurst, C&G chief executive, says borrowers will benefit from lower rates when the society is part of Lloyds. This is not enough for many borrowers, however.

Jillian Matthews, a single mother with three sons, has been a C&G borrower for 20 years and says she has been through "hell and high water" to keep repaying her loan, even when interest rates were high. She said: "I have never been in arrears, even in the difficult years." She is angry that many investors who have been with the society only a short time will get a payout while she will not. "The C&G has been behaving in a high handed and arrogant way. Communication has been very poor and I can't get so much as a squeak out of the branches." Ms Matthews may redeem her loan and go to another lender, although C&G would charge her for doing this.

She feels so strongly that she has joined C&G Alternatives, a pressure group started when the takeover was first announced. Paul Rivlin, one of the founders, has been waiting for the revised plan as a signal to write to the C&G board and ask it to consider alternatives. Mr Rivlin, an investor, will benefit from the new deal but wants the board to explain alternatives to the existing offer, including conversion to a quoted company such as the Abbey National and bids from other institutions. Analysts predict that the deal will go through in spite of protests, because there are more winners than losers.

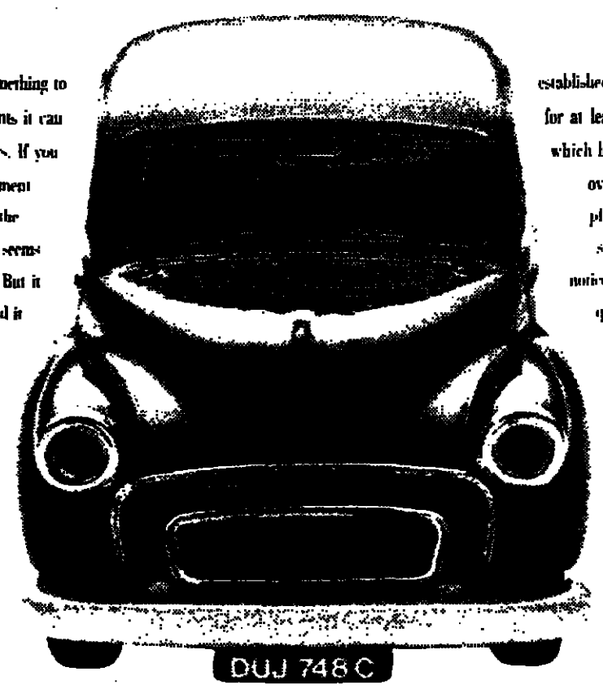
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- Children and depositors will now get a £500 payment as long as they have £100 in the account on the appropriate day and keep the account open until the takeover.
- Savers with accounts open on the right dates will get a bigger payout because the money is being shared between fewer people. The average payout will be £2,000 (£1,700 under the old deal). The maximum will be £13,500 (£10,000).
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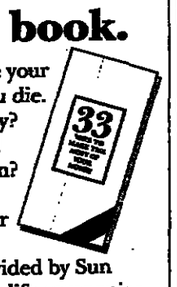
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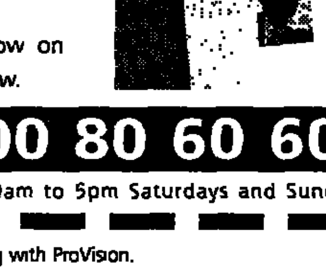
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Save by degrees

A college education can be costly, so parents should start planning early, Margaret Dibben says

As teenagers tear open their A-level results next week, many parents will wish they had thought much sooner about the cost of further education. Even though the student grant has been frozen at £2,040, parents have to contribute towards it when their residual income reaches £14,845.

With hall fees alone higher than the grant in some areas, according to the National Union of Students, the lesson is clear: if you want to fund your children through university, you need to start saving while they are young.

There are various ways to save when planning several years in advance. You can earmark a specific pot of money, but there is no reason to save differently from other of your long-term investments.

There are two main points. One is that any money given to children by their parents is taxed more harshly than money given by grandparents or anyone else. The other is that, if you are planning a good seven to ten years in advance, you can afford a degree of risk.

For parents, it is better to save the money in their own names rather than apportion the investments between the children. The only advantage of putting money in a child's name is to use the child's tax allowance, but parents have to pay tax at their top rate once the income exceeds £100 a year. For anyone else, the tax advantages of putting the money in the child's name can save more than £1,000 a year. The money is taxed as the child's, which makes use of the child's personal tax allowance, currently £3,445.

Children are not allowed to buy shares or unit trusts, but adults can do it for them. They can hold the investments in their own names and designate them with the child's initials. The income and growth will then be taxed as the child's.

You also need to decide how much risk you are prepared to take. Collective investments, such as unit trusts and investment trusts, are less risky than buying individual shares and they also have regular saving schemes, for those without an immediate lump sum. But among both unit trusts and investment trusts, the risk grading runs from low to extremely high and, while you can afford to take some risk, you do not want to jeopardise your children's future by losing the lot.

Several companies, including Sun Life, Holmwoods and School Fees Insurance Agency, have special lump-sum savings schemes through educational trusts, which, as charities, pay no income or capital gains tax on their investments. The danger is that, if the child does not go to university and the money cannot be used for the child's education in any other way, you forfeit all your investments.

MICHAEL SCOTT



Andrew and Karen Bell are saving for their children's future

Andrew and Karen Bell have just put aside a lump sum for Adam, 6, and Carley, 4, and have started monthly savings for them as well.

Mr Bell explained: "We want to give them the best start in life that we can. The only way we could get enough money together for the future is by putting it aside over a long time."

He said he wanted the investment to be as flexible as possible: "Obviously we don't know if they will go to university when they are older. That's up to them. They might want the money for a deposit for a house or to start a business. I want them to have whatever they want, within reason."

The Bells were among the first people to buy a new Prudential savings policy, the Prudence plan, which is a with-profits policy and suitable for long-term investing at a reasonable risk. It has no fixed term, takes regular or lump-sum contributions or both, and the amounts can be changed or suspended over the years.

There is only a small amount of life assurance, which makes it suitable for saving.

PARENTS' COSTS

Your parents' residual income £	Their contribution £
Below 14,845	nil
14,845	45
15,000	57
20,000	508
25,000	1,093
30,000	1,737
35,000	2,462
40,000	3,186
45,000	3,911
50,000	4,636
58,032 or more	5,800

The contribution cannot be more than the maximum grant. So if the grant is £2,040, parents will not be expected to contribute more than £2,040, however high their residual income.

Source: Department for Education

STUDENT FACTS

- The National Union of Students says it currently costs £3,500 each year to complete a full-time course. The government grant is £2,040.
- It will cost about £19,000 to finance a child through university for three years in 2007.
- Government grants, frozen in 1990, will fall by 20 per cent over the next two years.
- Students could graduate nowadays owing a government agency up to £3,755.
- 97,000 students or their parents now pay tuition fees.

Source: Save & Prosper

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8800

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Balanced	453.30	479.90	- 0.50	
UK Equity	568.60	601.70	- 1.30	
Property	489.50	518.50	- 1.00	
Fixed Interest	306.50	324.40	- 2.40	
Money	247.90	262.40	- 0.10	
International	378.60	400.70	- 0.40	

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ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Property Fd Inc	285.80	300.80		
-do- Acc	521.70	549.20	+ 0.10	
Equity Fd Inc	164.60	173.30	- 0.60	
-do- Acc	217.70	231.30	- 0.90	
Selective Fd	478.50	503.70	- 0.80	
Money Fd	373.31	392.90	+ 0.20	
Prop Fd Ser 4	407.10	428.60		
Equity Ser 4	211.20	222.40	- 0.50	
Man Ser 4	666.70	701.80	- 1.00	
Conv Ser 4	325.30	342.50	+ 0.20	
Money Ser 4	325.00	342.20	+ 0.20	
Fixed Int Ser 4	330.20	347.60	- 2.60	
American Ser 4	484.20	509.70	- 2.50	
High Inc Ser 4	664.60	699.60	+ 1.50	
Indexed Inv Ser 4	202.20	212.90	- 0.20	
Japan Ser 4	390.30	410.90		

ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Fd Acc	£15.36	£16.16	- 6.40	
European Fd Acc	372.80	392.40	- 2.80	
Fixed Int Acc	481.30	506.60	- 4.50	
Gtd Money Acc	330.50	347.90	+ 0.30	
Intl Managed Acc	615.60	648.00	+ 1.40	
Intl Fxd Int Acc	311.50	327.90	- 2.90	
Japan Fund	319.10	334.80	- 1.70	
N American Acc	311.70	328.10	- 2.30	
Prop Fd Acc	438.60	461.60	+ 0.40	
Multiple Inv Acc	£10.38	£10.93	- 4.10	

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Fxd Int Dep Acc	368.70	388.20	+ 0.30	
Equity Acc	£14.22	£14.97	- 8.80	
Property Acc	562.00	591.60	- 0.40	
Far East Acc	344.40	362.60	- 1.90	
Managed Capital	539.50	566.90	- 3.70	
-do- Acc	£10.01	£11.14	- 7.30	
Overseas Acc	945.70	995.50	-12.20	
Gilt Edged Acc	465.70	488.20	- 3.60	
Amer Equity Acc	736.40	775.20	- 0.10	
Amer Man Acc	314.50	331.10	- 0.10	
Amer Prop Acc	113.90	119.90	- 1.20	

AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Reserve Ser 6	149.30	157.10	- 0.50	
Balced Ser 6	691.40	727.70	- 5.30	
Opportunity Ser 6	163.60	172.20	- 1.40	
Distribution Ser 6	99.60	104.80	- 0.70	6.87
UK Equities Ser 6	951.20	£10.01	-10.10	
Higher Inc Ser 6	£10.14	£10.67	- 2.30	
North Amer Ser 6	410.10	431.70	+ 0.30	
Far East Ser 6	606.20	638.10	- 3.80	
Europe Ser 6	360.40	379.30	- 9.30	
Intnl Ser 6	556.60	585.80	- 4.50	
Property Ser 6	559.40	588.90	- 0.60	
Fixed Int Ser 6	393.50	414.20	- 4.30	
Ind-Lnkd Sec S6	173.40	182.50	- 0.20	
Fixed Dep Ser 6	292.90	308.30	+ 0.30	

BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	824.00	867.40	- 0.30	
-do- Initial	550.70	579.70	- 0.20	
Gilt Edged Acc	360.40	379.40	- 3.80	
-do- Initial	243.00	255.80	- 2.60	
International Acc	409.60	431.20	- 3.00	
-do- Initial	274.40	288.90	- 2.00	
Managed Acc	517.60	544.90	- 1.40	
-do- Initial	347.90	366.30	- 1.00	
Money Acc	287.80	303.00	+ 0.30	
Property Acc	301.20	317.10	+ 0.30	
-do- Initial	200.40	211.50	...	
America Acc	266.50	280.60	- 3.30	
Australia Acc	224.00	235.90	- 5.00	
Financial Acc	314.00	330.60	+ 1.60	
500 Accum	439.70	462.90	- 2.70	
Japan Gentl Acc	386.20	406.60	- 2.20	
Income Acc	513.80	540.90	+ 1.30	
Leisure Acc	229.30	241.50	- 0.10	
Special Sits Acc	232.00	244.30	+ 0.10	
New Tech Acc	158.90	167.30	- 0.60	

BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
The Managed Fd	604.73	804.73	- 1.04	
Income Fund	762.89	803.05	- 2.72	
Extra Income	696.20	732.85	- 2.83	
Worldwide Gth	505.91	532.54	- 0.09	
Balanced Fund	655.19	689.66	- 0.07	
Smllr Cos Recov	686.40	723.04	+ 6.54	
N Amer & Genrl	350.19	368.61	- 1.27	
Pacific Basin	450.32	474.03	- 0.98	
German Growth	242.66	255.46	- 1.12	
Japan Growth	202.46	213.12	- 0.49	
The UK Gth Fd	206.65	219.64	+ 0.11	
Contl Euro Gth	134.45	141.53	- 1.58	
Property Fund	401.08	422.19	+ 0.27	
Fixed Interest	291.85	307.22	- 2.57	
Cash Fund	280.10	294.85	- 0.14	
Managed Inv	488.56	514.29	- 0.74	
Nth Amer Recov	223.13	234.88	+ 1.77	
Shires Fund				
Managed Grth	495.20	521.27	+ 1.00	

BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 31, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 888000

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Measured Perf	163.90	172.40	+ 0.60	
Performance Plus	163.00	172.40	- 1.70	
With Profit Perf	169.60	179.40	- 0.10	

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Opportunity	176.60	186.90	+ 0.10	
Euro Opportunity	220.40	232.20	- 5.40	
North Amer Opp	161.30	170.60	- 2.40	
Far East Opp	200.30	211.90	- 9.70	
Gwth Prop Ser 1	133.60	140.60		
Gth Prop Ser 2	183.90	194.50		
Fixed Int	179.10	188.40		
Cash	155.30	164.30	+ 0.10	
Overseas	187.70	198.00	- 2.00	
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Managed Fund	336.60	354.40	- 3.50	
UK Equity	558.50	587.90	- 1.90	
Property	300.20	316.00	- 0.20	
Money Market	249.70	262.90		
Fixed Interest	285.00	300.00	+ 0.20	
Japan	423.90	446.30		
North America	150.20	158.20	- 2.10	
International	298.40	314.20	- 3.00	
European	283.50	298.50	- 5.70	
Far East	143.10	150.60	- 0.10	

CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Growth	£348.50	...		
Managed	323.40	340.50		
Property	238.00	250.60	+ 2.00	
Gilt & Fxd Int	229.80	241.90	- 2.30	
Equity	359.00	376.90	+ 0.90	
Cash	215.20	226.60	+ 0.20	
CLife Euro Mgd	374.30	394.10	- 2.80	
CLife Intl Fd	360.00	379.00	+ 0.80	

For Cannon see Lincoln National

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Property Fund	185.50	195.20		
Managed Fund	600.30	631.80	- 1.50	
Equity Fund	338.40	356.30	- 0.90	

CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	286.10	301.20	- 3.10	
Ruby	178.30	187.70	- 1.20	
Emerald	139.10	146.50	- 1.50	
Equity	317.90	334.70	- 2.90	
Property	230.60	242.90	+ 0.40	
Gilt & Fixed Int	191.50	201.60	- 4.40	
Indexed Secs	160.60	169.10	- 0.40	
Cash	185.20	195.00	+ 0.10	
Nth American	212.10	223.30	- 0.40	
Far East	337.20	355.00	- 2.80	
International	244.40	257.30	- 1.80	
Special Sits	329.30	346.70	- 0.60	
Intl Income	298.40	303.60	- 1.20	
American Inc	190.70	200.80	- 2.10	
European	311.30	327.70	- 5.10	
Japanese	161.90	170.50	+ 0.30	
SE Asia	368.40	387.80	- 2.80	
With Profits Reg	161.00	169.50	- 0.20	
-do- Spec	161.00	169.50	- 0.20	
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	319.60	336.50	- 3.40	
Equity	372.60	392.30	- 5.10	
Property	211.80	223.00	- 0.30	
Gilt & Fixed Int	236.00	248.50	- 3.30	
Index Linked	169.90	178.90		
Cash	246.80	259.80	+ 0.10	
Nth American	258.10	271.70	+ 0.80	
Far East Acc	354.90	373.60	- 1.80	
International Acc	310.50	326.90	- 1.90	
Special Sits	473.10	498.10	+ 0.90	
European Flex	434.90	457.80	-10.20	

COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
(Units) Key	£217.01	...	+ 5.46	
-do- Pacemaker	£307.66	...	+12.43	
-do- Cash	201.63	212.24	+ 0.09	
-do- Equity	530.71	558.64	+ 4.77	
-do- Fxd Int	341.82	359.81	- 1.32	
-do- Managed	378.34	398.25	+ 3.52	
-do- Property	329.62	346.97	- 2.90	
(Pens) Cash Cap	207.66	218.60	+ 0.02	
-do- Cash Inv	300.65	316.48	+ 0.23	
-do- Equity Cap	£14.27	£15.03	+ 5.19	
-do- Equity Inv	£20.67	£21.76	+ 8.98	
-do- Fixed Cap	372.34	391.95	- 4.52	
-do- Fixed Inv	539.07	567.45	- 6.16	
-do- Index Cap	194.61	204.86	- 1.20	
-do- Index Inv	281.75	296.59	+ 1.94	
Mngd Cap	563.28	592.94	+ 0.80	
Mngd Inv	815.51	858.44	+ 1.74	

COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Var Ann Acc (5)	695.15	...	+ 2.05	
Var Ann (5)	191.60	...	+ 0.23	
Prime Managed	399.10	420.20	- 3.10	
Prime UK Equity	477.90	503.10	- 3.80	
Prime Int Equity	309.60	325.90	- 2.40	
Prime Property	251.90	265.20	+ 0.30	
Prime Fxd Int	223.70	235.50	- 2.40	
Prime Index-Lnk	162.60	171.20	- 0.30	
Prime Cash	202.90	213.60	...	

CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Fund	£11.38	£11.98	- 0.80	0.0
Equity Fund	£16.31	£17.17	- 0.10	

CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Life Mangd Acc	590.90	621.90	- 4.20	
Life Fxd Int Acc	351.60	370.10	- 3.90	
Life Equity Acc	812.00	854.70	- 5.20	
Life Money Acc	298.10	313.70	+ 0.10	
Life Inv Tst Acc	632.10	675.80	- 1.70	
Life Intl Acc	511.00	537.80	- 3.90	
Life High Inc Acc	771.50	812.10	- 2.30	
Life Property Acc	275.30	289.70	+ 0.30	
Crown Brit Inv A	£13.89			
Brewin Equity	672.40	707.70	+ 0.60	

EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Secure Fund	173.50	182.70	+ 0.10	
Blue Chip Fund	242.20	255.00	- 1.50	
-do- Series 2	157.70	166.10	- 1.00	
Adventurous Fd	204.80	215.60	- 1.90	
-do- Series 2	155.90	164.20	- 1.40	
Performance Fd	252.30	265.60	- 2.00	
-do- Series 2	165.90	174.70	- 1.20	
UK Prot Fxd Int	134.40	141.50	- 1.80	
UK Equity Fund	159.00	167.40	- 0.20	
Property Fund	124.50	131.10	+ 0.20	
Envrnmntl Opps	159.10	167.50	- 0.10	
Euro Fund	192.20	202.40	- 4.10	
North Amer Fd	183.40	193.10	+ 0.40	
Oriental Ops	244.10	257.00	- 1.20	
Japanese Fund	143.10	150.70	- 0.30	
Bri & West Life	121.80	128.30	- 0.10	
Bri & West Pen	136.30	143.50	+ 0.20	

EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Eagle/Mid Uts	261.30	270.80	- 1.60	3.38

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed (Mixd)	303.00	319.00	- 1.30	
UK Equity	397.10	418.10	- 1.40	
Stewardship	342.00	360.10	- 1.20	
Overseas Equity	287.60	302.80	- 1.80	
North American	144.90	152.50	- 1.10	
Pacific Basin	173.00	182.20	- 0.60	
European	210.10	221.20	- 2.90	
Property	208.70	219.70	+ 0.20	
Fixed Interest	217.00	228.50	- 3.00	
Index Linked	159.60	168.10	+ 0.20	
Cash	198.30	208.80	+ 0.20	

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
GT Plan Far East	374.90	394.60	+ 0.80	
GT Plan Wwide	525.60	553.30	- 1.20	

GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	208.60	219.50	- 1.30	
Unitised Profit	133.30	140.20	- 0.20	
UK Equity	274.90	289.30	- 2.00	
Fixed Int	181.60	191.10	- 3.00	
Index-Linked	157.10	165.20	- 0.40	
Cash Deposit	172.70	181.70	+ 0.10	
Property	184.90	194.50	+ 0.10	
International	179.30	188.60	- 0.50	
American	153.80	161.80	- 1.20	
Japan	271.80	286.00	- 0.10	
Japan Smllr Cos	278.40	292.90		
European	181.50	190.90	- 3.50	
Pacific Fund	300.60	316.30	+ 2.80	
Corn Life	127.70	134.30	- 1.30	

GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Portfolio Acc	656.40	686.40	- 4.70	
-do- Inv A	686.30	722.50	- 5.00	
UK Equity	396.80	417.50	- 2.70	
Gilt Plus	192.00	202.30	- 1.90	
Managed	303.10	319.20	- 2.10	
Inter Man	273.60	288.10	- 0.10	

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Ass Prop Bds	791.10	824.10	...	
Managed Initial	467.70	492.30	- 4.30	
-do- Acc	662.20	697.00	- 5.80	
Equity Initial	682.00	717.90	- 5.40	
-do- Acc	965.70	£10.16	- 7.20	
Fixed Int Initial	423.30	445.60	- 1.00	
-do- Acc	599.40	630.90	- 1.30	
Intl Initial	475.30	500.80	- 2.40	
-do- Acc	673.60	709.10	- 2.80	
Nth Amer Initial	170.00	178.90	+ 0.60	
-do- Acc	219.00	230.50	+ 0.90	
Pacific Initial	262.40	276.10	- 1.30	
-do- Acc	334.90	352.50	- 1.40	
Property Initial	178.30	187.60		
-do- Acc	252.10	265.40		
Index-Lnkd Initl	152.30	160.30	+ 0.40	
-do- Acc	196.30	206.60	- 0.70	
Deposit Initial	196.40	206.70	+ 0.10	
-do- Acc	278.10	292.70	+ 0.20	
Euro Initial	107.10	112.80	- 1.00	
-do- Acc	127.60	134.30	- 1.20	

HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	166.60	175.30	- 0.60	
-do- Pens	203.60	214.30	- 0.80	
UK Equity	167.20	175.90	- 0.70	
-do- Pens	190.00	200.00	+ 1.10	
International	149.50	157.30	- 0.40	
-do- Pens	162.30	170.80	- 0.50	
Deposit	138.70	145.90	...	
-do- Pens	163.40	172.00	+ 0.10	

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Equity Fd	363.40	386.60	+ 1.40	
North America	333.80	355.20	+ 0.30	
Far East Fund	686.10	739.40	+ 4.80	
Global Managed	478.80	509.40	- 0.20	
Deposit Fund	227.20	239.20	- 0.20	
Prime Residential	134.00	141.10	+ 0.10	
European Fund	264.20	281.10	- 3.10	
Fixed Interest	63.10	67.20	- 0.80	

HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Security Fund	510.90	540.60	- 2.50	
British Fund	513.60	543.50	- 1.20	
International	356.90	368.20	- 3.00	
Dollar Fund	358.20	379.10	- 0.50	
Capital Fund	470.80	498.30	- 2.90	
Income Fund	672.80	712.00	- 4.80	
Property Series A	461.60	488.50	..	4.80
Property Units	763.00	807.30		
Financial Fund	553.90	586.20	- 2.20	

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Ser A	532.70	563.80	- 2.30	
Managed Units	952.10	£10.02	- 4.00	
High Yield Fund	643.80	681.30	+ 0.30	
Money Series A	285.50	302.30	+ 0.30	
Money Units	377.90	397.80	+ 0.20	
Equity Fund	605.70	641.00	- 3.60	
Fixed Interest	354.80	375.50	- 5.40	
Indexed Secs	177.70	188.10		
European Fund	732.50	775.20	-22.70	
Natural Res	296.70	314.00	- 1.20	
Far East Fund	699.40	740.20	- 2.60	
Smaller Cos	499.10	528.20	+ 2.00	
Special Sits	437.10	462.60	- 2.10	
Man Currency	260.00	275.20	- 0.70	
Japanese Tech	309.10	327.10	- 1.20	
US Smaller Cos	198.50	210.10	+ 3.90	

IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Global Managed	561.00	590.50	- 2.30	
Global Property	288.00	303.20		
Global Fixed Int	485.00	510.50	- 5.20	
Global Equity	599.50	631.10	- 2.10	
Global Cash	211.40	222.50	+ 0.10	

LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Gtd Mgd	463.30	487.60	- 5.10	
Property	491.90	517.70	- 0.20	
Managed	414.80	436.60	- 3.60	
American	382.30	402.40	- 1.00	
UK Equity Fd	445.60	469.00	- 4.60	
Japan	226.80	238.70	+ 0.20	
Index-Lkd	176.10	185.30	+ 0.90	
High Yield	841.80	886.10	- 2.20	
Growth Cap	409.20	430.70	- 5.00	
Money	398.90	419.90	+ 0.20	
International	402.70	423.80	- 2.30	
Henderson Active	223.30	235.00	- 0.70	
Perpetual Active	338.40	356.20	+ 0.70	
Growth Cap	409.20	430.70	- 5.00	
-do- Acc	647.80	681.80	- 4.90	

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
B Soc Lnkd Inh	135.10	142.30	...	
-do- Acc	184.80	194.60	+ 0.10	
Brit Opps Int	142.30	149.80	+ 0.20	
-do- Acc	174.90	184.20	+ 0.40	
Cash Initial	167.00	175.80	+ 0.10	
-do- Acc	284.60	299.60	+ 0.10	
Equity Initial	649.20	683.40	+ 1.10	
-do- Acc	£11.06	£11.64	- 1.90	
Fixed Initial	330.90	348.40	- 0.30	
-do- Acc	563.90	593.60	- 0.70	
Index-Lnkd Gilt	129.50	136.40	+ 0.50	
-do- Acc	189.40	198.40	+ 0.70	
Intl Initial	361.90	379.50	- 0.70	
-do- Acc	604.90	636.80	- 1.00	
Managed Initial	483.80	509.30	- 0.30	
-do- Acc	824.50	867.90	+ 0.60	
Property Initial	217.00	228.50	+ 0.20	
-do- Acc	369.90	389.40	+ 0.30	

LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Units	£129.20	...	- 1.48	
Property Units	£27.76	...		
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£63.95	£67.33	- 0.42	
2nd Equity Acc	637.90	671.40	- 8.10	
2nd High Inc Ac	611.70	643.90	- 3.50	
2nd Property Acc	253.40	266.70		
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	178.30	187.70	- 1.30	
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	469.10	493.80	- 2.80	
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	235.30	247.70	- 0.70	
2nd Deposit Acc	278.10	292.70	- 0.10	
2nd Gilt Acc	288.70	303.90	- 3.10	
2nd Amer Acc	626.20	659.10	+ 5.50	
2nd Intl Mny Acc	260.40	274.10	- 0.80	
2nd Index Acc	199.60	210.10	+ 0.50	
2nd Far East Acc	484.40	509.90	- 1.30	
2nd Global Acc	175.50	184.70	- 0.30	
2nd Euro Acc	167.10	175.90	- 2.70	
2nd Japan Acc	216.10	227.50	- 0.10	
2nd Intl Cr Bd Acc	161.60	170.10	- 1.30	
2nd Cap Gth Acc	128.20	135.00	- 0.40	

LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity	£906.00	...	- 2.80	
Fixed Interest	£304.50	...	- 3.80	
Property	£397.60	...	+ 0.40	
Deposit	£289.20	...	+ 0.20	
Mixed	£597.70	...	- 1.90	
Indexed Stock	£203.10	...	+ 1.00	
International	£302.60	...	- 1.00	
Equity A	£210.30	...	- 0.70	
Fixed Int A	£175.10	...	- 1.80	
Property A	£174.90	...	+ 0.20	
Deposit A	£170.10	...	+ 0.10	
Mixed A	£196.60	...	- 0.60	
Index Stock A	£159.10	...	+ 0.80	
International A	£180.20	...	- 1.60	
Equity P	£750.10	...	- 2.90	
Fixed Int P	£517.80	...	- 5.20	
Property P	£527.30	...	- 1.90	
Deposit P	£339.10	...	+ 0.40	
Mixed P	£553.20	...	- 2.03	
Index Stock P	£232.30	...	- 1.10	
International P	£356.70	...	- 1.30	

LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282456

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Inv Trust Cap	£617.80	...	+ 0.80	
-do- Acc	£10.19	...	- 2.10	
Property Cap	£151.60	...		
-do- Acc	£241.00	...	+ 0.20	
Fxd Interest Cap	£187.30	...	- 2.10	
-do- Acc	£299.30	...	- 3.10	
Equity Cap	£319.60	...	- 0.40	
-do- Acc	£517.30	...	- 0.20	
Internatl Cap	£246.10	...	- 0.90	
-do- Acc	£394.70	...	- 1.00	
Gtd Deposit Cap	£166.30	...	- 0.10	
-do- Acc	£262.70	...	+ 0.20	
Flexible Cap	£348.30	...	- 0.80	
-do- Acc	£562.30	...	- 0.80	
Moneymaker Fd	£433.10	...	- 1.00	
Capital Growth	£16.82	...	- 0.90	

M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Bond Acc	390.50	410.10	- 6.50	
Amer Rec Bond	472.90	496.60	- 1.10	
Am Smlr Cos Bd	218.40	229.40	- 6.60	
Australasia Bd	243.80	256.10	- 5.90	
Commodity Bond	325.00	341.30	- 8.40	
Deposit Bond Acc	358.00	376.00	+ 0.20	
Equity Bond Acc	£14.96	£15.71	- 2.40	
European Bd Acc	386.70	406.10	- 7.50	
Extra Yld Bd Acc	727.80	764.30	+ 2.00	
Far East Bd Acc	322.50	338.70	- 8.10	
Gilt Bond Acc	415.10	436.00	- 6.00	
Gold Bond Acc	165.30	173.70	- 1.90	
High Yield Bond	343.00	360.30	+ 0.70	
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	199.40	209.50	+ 1.20	
International Bd	785.10	824.40	- 5.00	
Japan Bond Acc	304.80	320.10	- 1.40	
Japan Sm Cos Ac	310.70	326.30	- 1.60	
Managed Bonds	889.50	934.10	+ 0.60	
Prop Bond Acc	336.60	354.70	- 1.30	
Rec Bond Acc	776.30	815.10	+ 9.90	

MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Equity	224.30	236.20	- 0.40	
UK Equity Acc	313.00	329.50	- 0.30	
Special Sits	92.60	97.50	- 0.50	
Special Sits Acc	129.30	136.20	- 0.60	
North American	174.70	183.90	- 1.10	
N American Acc	243.80	256.70	- 1.20	
Pacific Basin	389.70	410.30	- 3.70	
Pacific Basin Acc	543.80	572.50	- 4.90	
Fixed Interest	268.90	283.10	- 3.30	
Fixed Interest Acc	375.60	395.40	- 4.30	
Property	175.20	184.50		
Property Acc	244.80	257.70	+ 0.20	
Deposit	152.00	160.00		
Deposit Acc	212.70	223.90	+ 0.10	
Managed	259.40	273.10	- 1.70	
Managed Acc	333.60	351.20	- 2.00	

MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Fund	697.20	733.90	- 4.30	
Property Fund	534.80	562.90	+ 0.40	
Equity Fund	880.50	926.80	- 6.80	
Gilt Edged Fd	576.50	606.80	- 8.00	
Deposit Fund	327.50	344.70	+ 0.20	
Investment Fd	376.10	394.90	- 2.50	
International	556.40	585.70	- 1.30	

MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead Bristol BS1 2NH 0272 266 366

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Property	453.40	477.20	- 0.40	
UK Equity	339.60	357.40	- 0.10	
Gilt Edged	542.50	571.00	- 5.00	
Interest Fund	381.20	401.20	+ 0.80	
UK Fund	492.60	518.50	- 0.10	
Intl Equity	629.50	662.60	- 1.00	
Intl Managed	584.30	615.00	- 1.30	
North American	207.40	218.30	- 1.20	
Far East	503.00	529.40	- 2.90	
Intl Currency	262.80	276.60	+ 0.10	

NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity	145.90	153.50	- 0.10	
Fixed Interest	507.40	534.10	- 3.40	
Managed	724.20	762.30	+25.10	
Deposit	337.50	355.20	- 0.30	
Property	473.50	498.40	+ 2.30	
American	397.80	418.70	- 0.20	
Australian	529.00	556.80	-25.20	
European	531.90	559.80	-11.80	
Income Acc	750.50	790.00	+ 0.40	
-do- Dist	449.30	472.90	- 2.90	3.82
International	328.00	345.20	- 1.60	
Japan Smaller	602.70	634.40	+ 0.70	
Singapore & Mal	409.90	431.00	+ 1.60	
Smaller Cos	415.90	437.70	+ 3.50	
Tokyo Fund	746.00	785.20	- 8.30	
UK Equity	589.50	620.50	- 0.20	
CCM Mangd Mg	738.90	777.70	- 0.80	

NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	481.40	506.70	- 3.50	
UK Equity	591.00	622.10	- 5.70	
Overseas Equity	497.80	523.90	- 1.70	
Americas	396.90	417.70	- 2.10	
Far East	596.60	627.90	- 2.70	
Property	220.10	231.60	- 0.20	
Fixed Interest	361.10	380.10	- 3.90	
Indexed Gilt	220.90	232.50	- 0.40	
Deposit	214.40	225.60	+ 0.20	

NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Fund	£14.12	£14.86	- 4.80	
Eqty Fund	£30.66	£32.27	-30.80	
Property Fd	588.30	619.30	- 0.60	
Fixed Int Fd	555.60	584.80	- 6.80	
Deposit Fund	344.60	362.70	- 0.20	
Intl Fund	245.00	257.90	- 1.20	

PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 0733 470 470

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Inv Prop Dist	163.80	172.50	+ 0.20	
Prop Acc (Gross)	329.60	346.90	+ 0.30	
Inv Equity	£11.73	£12.34	- 3.50	
Inv Managed	836.10	880.20	- 4.00	
Ret Managed	948.60	998.60	- 3.60	

For Prolific see Scottish Provident

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Fund Acc	285.50	301.20	- 2.50	
Fxd Interest Acc	228.60	241.20	- 2.40	
International Acc	269.60	284.40	- 2.70	
Managed Acc	225.00	237.40	- 0.80	
Property Acc	235.90	248.90	...	
Money Acc	152.40	160.80	+ 0.10	
Spec Mkt Acc	233.10	245.90	- 0.80	
Japan Equity Acc	139.30	147.00	+ 0.20	
N Amer Acc	152.60	161.20	- 1.20	
Pacific Acc	176.60	186.30	- 1.20	
European Acc	195.40	206.20	- 4.40	

PROVIDENT MUTUAL Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2ST 0438 732000

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Ord	472.70	497.60	- 3.50	
Managed Initial	322.00	338.90	- 2.60	
Equity Ord	705.20	742.30	- 5.70	
Equity Init	480.40	505.70	- 4.20	
I-Linked Gilt Ord	191.10	201.20	- 0.30	
I-Linked Gilt Init	135.90	143.10	- 0.30	
Oseas Equity Ord	391.80	412.40	- 2.70	
Oseas Equity Init	266.90	280.90	- 2.00	
Property Ord	276.00	290.50	+ 0.60	
Property Init	188.00	197.90	+ 0.30	
Fixed Int Ord	263.00	276.80	- 3.30	
Fixed Int Init	179.20	188.60	- 2.30	
Deposit Ord	204.60	215.40	+ 0.10	
Deposit Initial	139.40	146.70	...	

PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	337.40	351.50	+ 2.30	

PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Fund	788.70	830.30	- 6.10	
Equity Fund	£14.52	£15.29	-12.30	
Intl Fund	634.10	667.50	- 3.50	
Fixed Interest	532.40	560.50	- 6.70	
Property Fund	462.70	487.10	+ 0.30	
Cash Fund	361.40	380.50	+ 0.20	
Pacific Basin	387.30	407.70	- 0.20	
N American Fd	237.70	250.30	- 0.50	
Euro Fund	267.90	282.00	- 4.80	
Balanced Fund	154.10	162.30	- 1.20	
Strategic Fund	163.50	172.20	- 0.80	

ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Mult Grow (45)	£736.80	...	+26.90	
-do- Acc	449.90	473.60	+15.70	
Op Prop	497.50	523.70	+ 0.70	
Op Equity	890.10	937.00	- 4.50	
Op High Yield	546.30	575.10	- 6.30	
Op Managed	792.40	834.20	- 2.40	
Op Deposit	388.90	409.40		
Inc Gth	298.80	314.60		
Japan Smlr	300.20	316.00	- 2.20	
Managed Gth	260.80	274.60	- 2.20	
Gilt	76.80	80.90	- 0.30	
British	361.90	381.00	- 6.30	
Global Bond	108.90	114.70	- 2.60	
Global (35,34)	176.10	185.40	- 2.40	
Gold Share	96.40	101.50	+ 2.00	
High Income	288.20	303.40	- 0.10	
Income	426.30	448.80	- 4.30	
Japan	483.00	508.50	- 0.80	
UK Smlr Cos	343.40	361.50	- 0.30	
Mngd Growth	464.00	488.50	- 5.30	

ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Royal Shield Fd	967.60	£10.23	- 2.10	
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	384.90	405.10	- 0.80	
Equity Fund	520.90	548.30	- 0.70	
Property Fund	339.10	356.90	- 0.10	
International	497.80	524.00	- 2.00	
Pacific Basin	314.90	331.40	- 0.40	
United States	252.90	266.30	- 1.20	
Gilt Fund	343.30	361.30	- 3.50	

SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Bal Inv Fund	753.50	797.40	- 1.40	2.33
Deposit Fund (2)	366.80	388.20	- 0.30	5.44
Gilt Fund	492.10	520.80	- 4.80	8.50
Global Equity Fd	243.60	257.80	+ 0.40	
Property Fund (46)	105.00	111.20	+ 0.10	6.50
AG Bond Fund	158.40	167.70	+ 0.10	

SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity	580.60	611.20	+ 0.10	
Fixed Interest	351.30	369.80	- 6.10	
Index-Linked	187.40	197.30	- 0.50	
International	476.90	502.10	- 3.00	
Property	294.20	309.70	+ 0.50	
Cash	227.80	239.80	+ 0.10	
Managed	468.00	492.70	- 0.93	
Cap Gteed Bd	109.40	115.20	- 1.70	

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Cash	179.72	189.18	+ 0.11	
Index-Linked	153.40	161.50	- 0.20	
Fixed Interest	162.70	171.30	- 3.50	
Mixed	253.60	267.00	- 1.50	
UK Equity	238.40	251.00	- 0.40	
International	266.00	280.00	- 1.00	
American	246.70	259.70	+ 1.50	
Japan	253.90	267.30	+ 0.70	
European	259.70	273.40	- 6.90	
Pacific	389.00	408.50	- 0.80	
Technology	349.10	367.50	+ 3.40	
Currncy/Curncy	223.80	235.60	- 6.10	

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Property	221.80	233.60	+ 0.20	
UK Equity	349.80	368.30	- 0.80	
American	342.10	359.00	+ 1.80	
Pacific	380.60	400.70	- 3.10	
European	477.80	503.00	-10.30	
International	314.60	331.30	- 1.80	
Fixed Interest	223.70	235.60	- 4.30	
Index Linked	186.60	196.60	- 0.20	
Deposit	192.20	202.40	+ 0.10	
Managed	284.90	300.00	- 1.00	
Worldwide	123.50	130.10	- 1.00	
Pen Worldwide	131.40	138.50	- 1.20	

SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Flex Fund (35)	£15.95	£16.44	...	
Safety Fund	225.30	237.20	- 2.60	
Growth Fund	228.90	241.00	- 1.10	
Opportunity Fd	223.00	234.80	- 1.10	
Cash Fund	172.90	182.00	+ 0.10	
European Fund	351.20	369.70	- 4.60	
Gilts & Fxd Int	189.60	199.60	- 2.00	
Index-Linked Fd	173.80	182.80	+ 0.30	
International Fd	291.90	306.90	- 0.10	
North American	231.30	243.50	- 1.10	
Property Fund	132.70	139.70	+ 0.40	
UK Equity	240.60	253.20	- 2.00	
UK Smaller	226.40	238.40	+ 0.70	

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Mixed	267.40	281.50	- 0.80	
Equity	277.60	292.30	- 0.50	
International	293.40	309.00	- 1.70	
Property	234.10	246.60	+ 0.20	
Fixed Interest	208.00	219.10	- 1.00	
Index Linked	171.20	180.30	- 0.20	
Cash	185.30	195.10	+ 0.10	
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	800.10	851.20	- 2.60	
Cash Fund	336.30	354.40	+ 0.20	
Property Fund	274.20	289.00	+ 0.30	
Equity Fund	949.30	£10.09	- 3.90	
Fxd Interest Fund	438.40	462.00	- 5.10	
International	432.60	460.30	- 2.90	
High Income	708.10	748.00	- 2.80	
Far East	646.30	687.60	- 0.80	
North American	525.00	558.60	+ 1.60	
Special Sits	658.30	679.10	+ 3.90	
Technology	487.30	518.50	+11.30	
Extra Income Fd	375.80	399.80	- 2.00	
Gilt Fund	458.70	488.00	- 2.40	
European	155.00	164.90	- 3.10	
Adventurous Mg	224.20	238.00	- 0.20	
Secure Mgd	144.80	154.10	- 0.60	
Equity Inc Dist	112.90	134.30	- 0.60	4.73
North American	110.70	118.70	- 0.60	5.14

SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Inv Pol 1	£9.56	£9.56	-10.80	
Inv Pol 2	£8.69	£9.15	-10.20	
Inv Pol 3	£8.32	£8.76	- 9.70	
Inv Cash	311.10	327.60	+ 0.20	
Mixed Fund	453.40	477.30	- 1.80	
Equity Fund	530.20	558.20	+ 0.80	
Property Fund	245.20	258.30	+ 0.20	
International Fd	507.90	534.80	- 4.40	
Fixed Interest Fd	353.30	372.00	- 5.60	
Indexed Stock Fd	188.30	198.30		
Cash Fund	225.70	237.70	+ 0.20	

SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Acc	384.00	404.20	- 0.10	
Equity Acc	456.00	480.00	+ 0.90	
International Acc	360.10	379.00	- 1.00	
Property	233.50	245.70	- 1.20	
Royal Trust Mg	244.20	257.00	- 0.50	

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Cash	266.20	280.30	+ 0.20	
Equity	992.70	£10.45	- 4.90	
European	172.90	182.10	- 4.20	
Far East	180.30	190.10	- 1.00	
Fixed Interest	372.80	392.50	- 5.10	
Index Linked	199.20	209.70	- 0.40	
International	633.40	666.80	- 7.60	
Managed	702.20	739.20	- 5.20	
Nth American	140.70	148.20	- 0.20	
Property	363.30	382.50	- 0.10	
Pensions				
Cash	413.20	435.00	+ 0.40	
Equity	£14.22	£14.97	- 8.90	
European	204.70	215.50	- 3.50	
Far East	146.60	154.40	- 0.60	
Fixed Interest	510.50	537.40	- 6.60	
Index Linked	276.20	290.80	- 0.90	
International	891.60	938.60	-10.90	
Managed	982.90	£10.34	- 7.90	
Nth American	173.70	182.90	- 0.10	
Property	494.90	521.00	- 0.30	
Stock Exchange	221.10	232.80	- 1.90	

SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Fund	659.60	693.70	- 3.70	
Equity Fund	851.00	895.80	- 5.80	
Fixed Interest Fd	390.50	411.10	- 6.00	
Index-Linked Fd	302.50	318.50	- 0.40	
Property Fund	328.50	358.40	+ 0.60	
International Fd	642.80	677.70	- 2.90	
N American Fd	228.10	240.20	- 2.30	
Far East Fund	242.60	255.40	- 0.60	
Deposit Fund	293.40	308.90	+ 0.20	
International Bd	£29.97	...	- 1.47	
Worldwide Bond	150.60	158.60	- 3.20	
Worldwide Mngd	80.80	85.10	+ 0.10	
Worldwide Tech	96.40	101.50	...	
European	170.70	179.70	- 4.30	
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	657.80	692.50	- 0.50	

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Ebor Phoenix Eq	448.50	472.80	...	
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£608.40	...	+ 0.60	
-do- Acc	£568.40	...	+ 0.60	
Agricultural Fd	£808.70	...	+ 0.40	
-do- Acc	£770.90	...	+ 0.40	
Abbey Nat Fd	£445.20	...	+ 0.40	
Abbey Nat Acc	£471.60	...	+ 0.40	
Investment Fd	£330.00	...	- 1.80	
Investment (A)	£376.20	...	- 1.70	
Equity	[illegible]	...	- 7.90	
Equity Acc	£11.84	...	- 7.60	
Money Fund	£457.10	...	+ 0.30	
-do- Acc	£446.90	...	- 0.30	
Actuarial Fd	£573.80	...	- 3.40	
Gilt-Edged Fd	£365.20	...	- 5.40	
-do- Acc	£368.20	...	- 5.40	
Retire Annuity	£212.26			
Immed Annuity	£329.00			
Bldg Soc Bfr	£223.90	...	+ 0.10	

SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Growth Account	£814.60	...	+33.60	
Managed Acc	[illegible]	...	+ 9.60	
Equity Account	£817.56	...	+15.30	
Mngd Fund Acc	377.90	397.80	+ 4.50	
Equity Fund Acc	506.49	533.00	+ 8.00	
Prop Fund Acc	258.80	272.50	+ 0.30	
Fixed Int Fd Acc	290.00	305.30	+ 2.50	
Money Fund Acc	218.80	230.40	+ 0.10	
Indx-Lnk Scs Acc	195.60	205.90	[illegible]	
Pers Pens Acct	[illegible]	...	+16.30	
Pens Mngd Acct	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Pens Guarantee	244.80	257.20	+ 0.80	
Pens Equity	330.10	347.50	+ 6.50	
Pens Property	295.20	310.80	[illegible]	
Pens Fixed Int	271.80	286.10	- 0.20	
Pens Intl	252.40	265.70	[illegible]	
Pens Money	232.90	245.20	+ 0.20	
Pens Indx-Lnkd	181.90	197.80	- 0.80	

SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol [illegible] 0272 426911

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Acc	504.90	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Property Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Equity Acc	£14.43	£15.19	[illegible]	
Fixed Int Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Index-Linked Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Cash Acc	306.40	322.60	[illegible]	
Amer Equity Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Japan Acc	340.30	358.30	+ 3.30	
Pacific Acc	386.50	406.90	- 5.30	
Far Eastern Acc	906.30	954.00	+ 8.70	
International Acc	615.40	647.80	- 6.70	
Distribution Fund	277.20	291.80	- 0.90	6.00
European	200.60	211.20	- 5.80	

TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 345678

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Fund	281.30	296.20	- 2.10	
Property Fund	225.90	237.80	[illegible]	
Fixed Interest Fd	214.00	225.30	- 2.10	
Money Fund	198.30	208.80	+ 0.20	
Equity Fund	372.80	[illegible]	- 5.00	

TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Deposit	247.20	260.20	+ 0.20	
Financial Ser 1	46.40	49.90	+ 0.10	
Fixed Interest	310.00	326.30	- 3.60	
Gold	88.60	93.30	+ 3.40	
Managed	624.80	657.80	- 2.90	
Mngd Growth	196.00	206.30	- 0.20	
Mngd Opp	208.70	219.70	+ 0.60	
Property	333.10	344.60	[illegible]	
Residential Prop	99.50	105.10	[illegible]	
TSB American	185.20	195.00	- 1.70	
TSB Brit Gwth	832.90	876.80	- 4.80	
TSB European	284.30	299.20	-10.00	
TSB Income	386.10	406.60	- 6.90	
TSB Intl	431.70	454.40	- 3.90	
TSB Intl Inc	273.20	287.60	- 6.10	
TSB Pacific	433.90	456.80	- 0.70	
TSB Prem Inc	243.80	256.60	+ 2.00	

WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 0952 292929

Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Bond	694.30	[illegible]	- 5.70	
Money Fund	314.90	331.50	+ 0.20	
Equity Fund	616.70	649.20	-12.50	
Fixed Interest	265.40	279.70	- 2.00	
Property Fund	365.50	385.80	[illegible]	
Gresham Framlington				
American & Genl	539.00	568.00	+ 2.10	
Income	754.20	794.70	+ 1.80	
International Gth	626.80	659.80	- 6.80	
Capital Fund	640.80	675.20	+ 0.20	
Recovery Fund	676.00	712.30	- 4.20	
Japan & General	303.30	319.80	+ 0.80	
Formerly AEtna				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.92	18.86	+ 0.01	
Bear	18.99	19.99	- 0.17	
Owl	19.70	20.74	+ 0.08	
Bull	18.09	19.04	+ 0.15	
Stag	18.87	19.86	- 0.01	
Gilt Edged	17.69	18.62	- 0.22	
Deposit	15.71	16.54	+ 0.01	
Pensions				
Squirrel	24.22	25.49	+ 0.03	
Bear	26.08	27.45	- 0.23	
Owl	26.91	28.33	- 0.11	
Bull	23.11	24.33	+ 0.19	
Stag	23.53	24.77	- 0.01	
Gilt Edged	22.08	23.24	- 0.27	
Deposit	20.20	21.26	+ 0.01	
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	584.20	...	- 4.59	
1982 Series				
UK Equity	340.03	357.93	+ 9.78	
N Amer Equity	271.78	292.40	- 0.92	
Far East Equity	421.61	443.80	+ 2.59	
Fixed	378.09	398.71	- 3.45	
Cash Deposit	203.34	213.84	+ 0.15	
Property	180.01	189.22	- 0.02	
Special Opp	371.79	391.36	+ 2.69	
Managed	309.23	325.51	- 2.55	
Index-Linked Fd	182.79	192.41	- 0.19	

INTEREST RATES

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.01	3.01	2.41	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.52	3.52	2.81	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	2.57	2.57	2.06	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.47	3.47	2.77	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.19	3.19	2.55	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
" "	3.66	3.66	2.93	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	3.19	3.19	2.55	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" "	3.47	3.47	2.78	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	2.62	2.62	2.13	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.51	1.51	1.21	1,000‡	none	061 2546298
Co-operative Current Acct	0.19	0.19	0.15	none	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.56	3.62	2.90	2,000‡	none	0800 555984
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.12	1.12	0.90	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
Abbey National HICA	0.75	0.75	0.60	1,000‡	none	Local Branch
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.13	1.13	0.90	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Inist Chque Acct	0.75	0.75	0.60	2,000‡	none	071-600 8020
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Nationwide	4.73	4.73	3.78	25,000 min	Postal	——
Bldg Midshires	5.06	5.06	4.05	100,000 min	Postal	——
Bradford & Bingley	5.06	5.06	4.05	25,000 min	30 day	——
Asset(BristolWest)	5.14	5.14	4.11	50,000 min	90 day	——
Alliance & Leics.	5.40	5.40	4.32	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Nottingham	4.95	4.95	3.96	25,000 min	Instnt	——
Bradford & Bingley	4.88	4.88	3.90	10,000 min	30 day	——
Northern Rock	5.21	5.21	4.17	50,000 min	60 day	——
National Counties	5.36	5.36	4.29	50,000 min	90 day	——
Universal	5.48	5.48	4.38	50,000 min	1 year	——
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c*	3.25	2.44	1.95	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	5.25	3.94	3.15	20-499	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	6.50	4.88	3.90	2,000-24,000	3 mth	0253 786151
7th Index Linkt†*	3.00	3.00	3.00	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
41st Issue Cert*	5.40	5.40	5.40	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.40	5.40	5.40	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.35	7.35	7.35	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Rate†	3.51	3.51	3.51			
Capital Bond*	7.25	5.44	4.35	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond*	4.50	4.50	3.60	1,000-250,000		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
AIG Life	5.15	5.15	4.36	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
General Portfolio	6.10	6.10	5.19	50,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Laurentian Life	6.80	6.80	5.78	50,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
General Portfolio	7.00	7.00	5.95	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Eurolife	7.80	7.80	6.46	10,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		HOLIDAY RATES	£ buys
RPI (June 93-94)	+2.6%	Spanish Pesetas:	194.00
Bank Base Rate	5.25%	French Francs:	8.05
Personal Loan	28%	Greek Drachmas:	353.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2390.00

TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investmt	Telephone number
Market Harbor.	7.60	£3,228.00	90 day loss/indica	£9,000	0858 483344
Hinckley & Rgy.	7.35	£3,220.50	90 day loss	£3,000	0455 251234
Holmesdale	7.15	£3,214.50	60 day loss	£1	0737 245718
National Count.	7.05	£3,211.50	90 day loss	£3,000	0372 742211
Bristol & West	7.00	£3,210.00	—	£3,000	0800 303330

† 2.5% for balance below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 of less ‡ Additional holdings up to £50,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross 2-4pher rates for larger sums ^Guaranteed over the rate of inflation ^ 0.3% net bonus for amounts £30,000+

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BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Yorkshire 0274 740740	1.90	£15-£150K	95	Fixed to 1.5.95.
Scarborough 0273 368155	1.99	£25-£150K	95	Discounted by 5.85% for 1 year.
Principality 0222 344188	2.00	No Max.	75	Discounted by 5.74% to 1.8.95.
BANKS				
Bank of Ireland 0734 393393	2.60	£30-£149K	75	Discounted by 5% for 1 year.
BANKS				
Abbey National 0908 343400	2.99	£100K+	60	Discount by 4.55% to 30.11.95+loan disc 2%

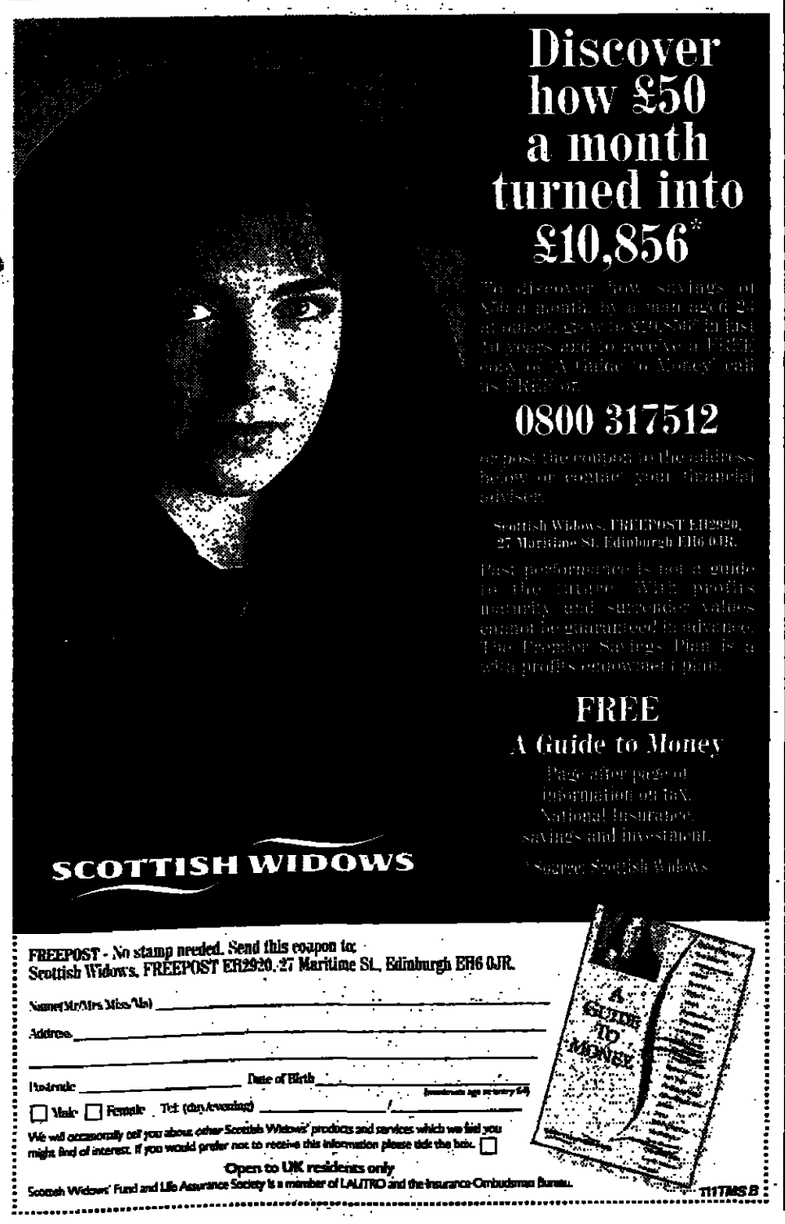
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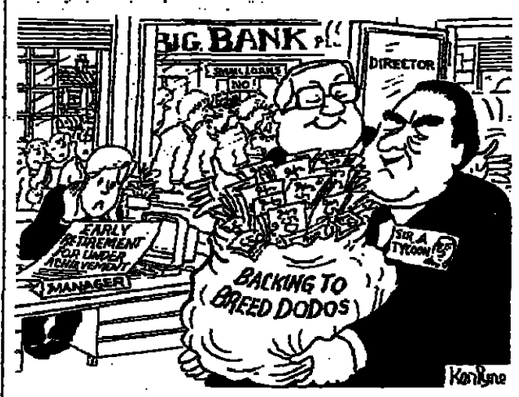
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The banks and Jekyll and Hyde

From Mr Michael Abbott

Sir, The past few years have seen a tremendous change in our banking system and it may account for the way its clients are treated.

On one hand, the staff have job insecurity with redundancy offers which, alas, seem to take away many of the most competent. Managers are also faced with early retirement, if they don't perform, and have targets to achieve, many of which are not traditional banking. The sale of mortgages and insurances seems to have high priority, and I'm sure they would sell crisps as well if it helped their figures.

On the other hand, the directors seem to lead a "Jekyll and Hyde" existence. They like to project the image of a solid financial institution and caution their branches as to solid lending, but themselves seem to be tempted by pure and unalloyed greed to make mammoth profits.

Your local manager may well demand absolute security for a loan, but head office would probably lend a hundred million to an entrepreneur who wishes to perform alchemy on the moon. They would have the cashpoint machines issue ice cream, if they could see more profit.

That said, there are still competent and pleasant managers and staff to be found, but you have to choose and review your branch carefully. It's a funny old world, isn't it?

Yours sincerely,
M. P. ABBOTT,
56 Tothill Street,
Minster, Ramsgate, Kent.

C&G mortgages will remain competitive

From the Chief Executive of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society

Sir, Anthony Verdin (Weekend Money Letters, August 6) says he moved his mortgage from Lloyds Bank to C&G because we were independent and were offering better rates. Let me assure him that a major goal of our project with Lloyds Bank is to be able to offer still more competitive rates in future. C&G, and not Lloyds Bank, will be running the group's mortgage operation and setting its home mortgage rates.

While in France, Mr Verdin must have missed the fact that C&G went to the High Court to seek confirmation that it was legal for members, including all borrowers, to be paid cash on the transfer of C&G's business to Lloyds Bank Group. Unfortunately, the High Court ruled that it was not lawful for borrowers to be paid at all. C&G wanted borrowers to be paid, but they cannot be.

As to voting, an informed decision cannot be made before next February, when full details of the proposals will be published. It is clear that a vote against will not change the law and is not the way to secure the low mortgage rates Mr Verdin joined us for.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW LONGHURST,
Chief Executive,
Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society,
Barnett Way,
Gloucester.

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Barclays does listen to Safe

From the Chief Executive of Barclays Bank

Sir, In Weekend Money (August 6), a spokesman for Safe, the bank action group, is said to have accused me of "running away" from the Barclays annual general meeting in order to avoid having to meet members of this organisation.

This is untrue — and really quite damagingly so. After the formal meeting, at which 23 questions were asked by owners of just one Barclays share each, I stayed until 7pm speaking to numerous shareholders, including a number of Safe members. In fact, I was the last to leave the meeting.

I have become used to inaccurate and defamatory statements from Safe, which claims to represent customers of the banks and charges them £45 a time for membership. In reality, it is an organisation totally unrepresentative of the vast majority of bank customers. It is run by two individuals with long-standing grievances against Barclays, which have been exhaustively investigated at senior level over a lengthy period of time.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN TAYLOR,
Chief Executive,
Barclays Bank,
Johnson Smirke Building,
4 Royal Mint Court, EC3.

Results count

From Mr Maxwell Stern

Sir, Is there any way of judging management investment groups? That to which my personal equity plan was entrusted claims to be successful in responding to the needs of over 200,000 clients.

I invested with them in December 1989, since when the index has doubled, but when I received the valuation in June 1994, the investments were less than the original cost.

When I suggested compensation, they said they could not accept that their policy amounted to mismanagement.

What would?

Yours sincerely,
MAXWELL STERN
22c Elm Tree Road, NW8.

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Grofund Equity	237.10	250.90	+ 0.20	1.42
Grofund Euro	199.10	210.10*	- 5.00	0.17
Grofund Expt Bal	115.70	119.90*	+ 0.20	2.01
Grofund Gilt	70.91	73.11*	- 0.65	5.90
Grofund Japan	196.20	209.20	- 0.20	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry 0203 553 231				
General Acc	524.70	558.20	- 5.50	2.67
General Inc	468.50	498.40	- 4.90	2.67
UK Growth Acc	353.80	376.40	- 3.60	2.76
UK Growth Inc	245.60	261.30	- 2.60	2.76
Higher Inc Acc	656.70	698.70	- 0.70	3.80
Higher Inc Inc	387.80	412.60	- 0.50	3.90
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	177.20	187.10	- 2.10	6.13
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	88.43	93.40	- 1.05	6.13
Nth America	241.40	256.90	+ 0.50	..
Far East	370.50	400.90	- 1.60	..
Europe	270.90	288.20	- 7.00	0.77
Brit Excell	70.26	74.75	- 0.64	2.04
Brit Fndmtls Acc	97.47	103.70	- 0.10	4.72
Brit Fndmtls Inc	73.18	77.86	- 0.02	4.72
Global Opps	94.32	99.71	- 0.72	0.12
Balanced Acc	53.24	56.64*	- 0.36	2.88
Balanced Inc	52.50	55.86*	- 0.30	2.58
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	125.60	133.30	- 1.50	6.00
High Inc Equity	160.40	171.60*	+ 0.60	4.59
Worldwide Bond	263.50	279.50*	- 3.10	3.76
Capital Growth				
American Growth	285.10	304.50	- 2.70	.75
Asian Pacific	342.00	363.80	+ 2.40	..
Assets & Earnings	261.30	278.00	+ 1.00	2.40
Cmdty & Energy	119.50	127.10	- 2.00	.35
Euro Capital Inc	131.60	140.20	- 2.90	.69
General	220.10	234.10*		2.32
Japan	138.00	147.40		..
Mastertrust	142.50	152.40	- 0.30	1.22
UK Growth Dist	129.20	138.20	- 1.70	2.17
US Emerging Cos	123.10	131.70	- 0.20	..
Income & Growth	380.90	405.20	- 0.50	3.08
Ethical	70.50	75.00	+ 0.91	2.57
International	119.10	126.70	- 0.60	.52
Dividend & Growth	60.40	64.25*	+ 0.20	4.37
Global Gwth & Sec	65.64	69.92	+ 0.18	2.45
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£17.02	£17.74	+33.00	.
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0800 833 580				
Aberdeen Portfolio	60.76	61.99*	- 0.96	0.80
Amer Inc & Growth	42.76	45.14	- 0.01	0.69
Cash	50.34	50.34	+ 0.04	4.47
European	109.50	116.10	- 2.10	..
European Income	97.30	103.80	- 0.40	1.43
Exempt	£10.02	£10.69*	+ 1.00	1.73
Extra Income	51.93	55.45	- 0.05	4.29
Far East Emg Ecn	117.90	126.00	+ 0.10	0.50
Fixed Interest	22.62	24.16	- 0.06	7.60
Fund Inv Tst	190.70	192.90	- 0.60	0.97
Japan	202.20	215.40*	+ 1.50	..
Latin American	74.22	79.23*	+ 1.31	0.61
Pacific	74.72	80.02	+ 0.02	0.33
Property Share	64.37	72.98*	- 0.53	1.90
UK Emerging Cos	64.97	69.35*	+ 0.15	1.78
UK Growth	44.15	47.67	- 0.37	2.45
World Growth	73.97	78.66	- 1.15	0.64
Ethical	62.13	66.32	+ 0.27	2.64
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	49.04	49.04	- 0.40	6.65
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	96.23	102.37*	- 0.30	3.10
UK Equity Growth	86.33	91.64	- 0.36	2.25
European	69.78	74.23	- 1.54	0.40
Nth American	67.32	71.62	- 0.75	1.41
Far Eastern	76.97	81.56	- 0.99	0.64
Money	66.25	66.25*	+ 0.03	3.69
Fixed Interest	66.14	72.81*	- 0.72	6.67
Index Linked Gilt	63.36	67.43*	- 0.09	1.39
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3282				
British Growth	69.16	73.58*	- 0.21	2.72
British Income	79.64	84.72*	- 0.35	3.44
Select Portfolio	89.73	94.39*	- 0.27	..
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	75.24	79.83	- 0.13	2.03
Income Builder Inc	67.76	71.69	- 0.17	2.82
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	233.40	249.50	- 1.00	3.27
Capital	411.60	429.80	- 1.70	1.76
Balanced	684.20	721.40	- 2.40	2.22
Accumulator	£12.75	£13.20	- 6.00	2.97
Income Trusts				
American Income	47.61	50.69*	- 0.04	3.62
High Income	401.20	425.40	- 3.70	3.60
Equity Income	224.50	239.00*	- 2.10	2.87
High Yield	244.90	261.70	- 2.10	3.94
Govt Securities	32.17	33.96	- 0.32	5.36
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	135.70	144.30	- 0.70	0.42
European Growth	75.76	78.05*	- 0.79	0.06
International	166.80	175.00	- 1.20	0.22
Japan	240.00	256.10	- 0.60	0.01
Pacific	430.70	460.40*	- 2.80	0.02
Secs of America	400.20	425.90	- 1.50	0.44
Wwide Asset Val	50.23	53.66*	- 0.50	0.19
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	517.30	552.90	- 4.70	2.35
Cons & Gilt	44.46	47.52*	- 0.32	4.61
Smaller Cos	169.60	181.30*	+ 1.20	1.25
2nd Smaller Cos	161.40	172.50	+ 1.10	1.18
Recovery	140.30	149.90	- 0.20	1.74
Met Min & Cdty	154.80	165.40	- 2.00	0.85
Oseas Earnings	352.20	376.40	- 5.90	1.95
Technology	152.50	163.00	+ 2.90	0.01
UK Special Sits	451.00	482.10	- 2.70	1.58
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Chtrstd Our Pens	96.54	100.53	..	1.45
Foundtn Persl Pens	61.16	63.54	..	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AC 071 251 6767				
Capital	70.54	75.04	- 0.71	1.92
International	64.34	68.45*	- 0.53	0.13
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
America	275.20	292.50	- 3.10	..
Bond	107.60	112.20	- 1.90	7.42
Brit Smlr Cos	100.30	106.70	- 0.60	1.29
Conv & Gen	65.12	69.50*	- 0.07	5.38
Energy	435.70	464.10	- 2.00	0.22
Europe	236.50	251.20	- 4.90	0.47
Euro Smlr Cos	105.90	112.30	- 0.70	0.82
Income Gwth	343.70	366.80	- 3.20	4.16
Japan	354.50	376.70	- 0.50	..
Pacific	113.00	120.25	- 0.65	0.71
UK Smlr Cos	52.29	55.61	+ 0.63	0.91
Japan Fd	819.30	942.00	- 4.90	..
Mngd Fd	172.00	182.70	- 1.50	2.95
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	281.00	295.90	- 1.00	1.28
Capital Gwth	114.90	121.00	+ 0.40	2.21
Wwide Opps	191.00	190.50	- 0.60	0.43
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brst Inv Fd Inc	346.40	361.30	- 2.30	2.78
European Bd Inc	88.54	91.71*	- 1.38	8.34
Exempt	73.76	78.68	+ 0.24	4.23
Financial	70.43	75.32	+ 0.36	2.74
500	452.50	483.90	+ 3.40	2.27
General	364.40	388.10	- 0.50	2.65
Property	249.30	266.60	+ 0.90	5.70
Trustee	177.40	189.70*	- 0.60	2.21
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.40	100.40*	+ 0.10	4.29
Extra Income	116.90	125.00	+ 0.30	3.99
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.92	57.79	- 0.50	8.84
Income	520.50	554.70*	+ 1.20	4.11
Income Builder	64.24	68.34	+ 0.19	4.60
Intl Income	64.59	68.71*	- 0.66	3.47
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	114.30	121.80*	+ 0.20	2.69
Leisure	120.40	129.30		1.25
Recovery	413.30	442.00	+ 1.30	2.47
Smllr Cos Inc	42.34	45.41*	+ 0.57	1.72
Special Sits	277.20	296.50	- 1.30	1.70
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	122.20	129.60	- 1.70	0.54
Aust Acc	256.40	272.80	- 6.40	1.97
Aust Inc	159.40	169.60	- 4.00	1.97
Euro Gwth Inc	150.30	159.30*	- 2.20	0.65
Japan & Gen Inc	197.80	209.40	- 1.20	..
Japan Spec Sits	91.52	96.95	- 0.98	..
Univ Tech Inc	79.66	84.65*	- 0.42	0.35
Worldwide	175.80	186.60*	- 1.30	0.61
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	88.45	94.07	- 0.05	..
Amer Smllr Cos	116.70	125.70	+ 1.90	..
Cash Trust	50.04	50.04	+ 0.04	4.10
Convertibles	56.72	60.66	- 0.35	5.40
Eastern	288.20	311.00	- 2.60	0.10
Equity Income	87.30	92.87*	+ 0.53	4.90
European Growth	293.20	311.50	- 6.30	1.00
Europe	221.20	236.50	- 0.70	0.60
German Growth	71.11	75.67	+ 0.38	0.10
Global Bond	61.74	65.07*	- 0.93	5.70
Global Growth	124.20	132.90	- 0.80	..
Japan Growth	225.30	240.40	- 1.20	..
Japan Sunrise	203.20	216.50	- 1.30	...
Korea Trust	79.37	86.13	+ 0.03	..
Portfolio	132.20	141.40	- 1.00	1.60
UK Growth	85.76	91.44	- 0.62	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	90.76	96.64	+ 0.43	1.50
Select Managers	73.91	79.14	- 0.51	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	79.14	84.10*	- 1.46	
Special Oppor Inc	56.06	59.64*	- 0.84	
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	163.30	174.30*	- 0.70	0.93
Dividend	80.74	86.35*	+ 0.63	4.06
Int Gth & Inc	207.50	221.90*	- 2.10	2.74
UK & Gen	43.42	46.44	- 0.26	1.45
Fund of Funds	66.11	70.71	- 0.28	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 225 6020				
Balanced Growth	104.94	111.05	+ 0.15	1.83
Smaller Cos	105.28	111.41	+ 1.20	1.15
Higher Yield	43.63	46.17*	- 0.05	3.61
American Gth Inc	70.23	74.32*	- 1.09	...
European Growth	133.78	141.57	- 3.26	0.04
Global Bond Inc	26.88	28.39	- 0.45	5.40
Mngd Ptflio Inc	42.45	44.91	- 0.35	1.07
Int Spec Opps	116.81	123.61	- 1.62	0.10
Pacific Grth	136.76	144.72	+ 0.41	..
Formerly LAS				
UK General	76.24	80.68*	- 0.35	2.00
Japan	71.09	75.23*	+ 0.02	
Gilt & Fixed Int	93.33	95.21	- 1.20	6.80
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	63.54	64.35	- 0.30	6.62
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	151.60	161.30	+ 0.30	1.52
UK Growth	162.40	172.80*	- 0.80	2.16
UK Income	130.70	139.10	- 0.10	4.26
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	183.40	194.40	- 2.10	2.04
-do- Income Dist	106.30	112.70	- 0.20	4.44
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.13	40.41*	- 0.59	6.73
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	144.10	153.30	+ 1.50	
European Inc	77.68	82.51*	- 2.51	0.57
Smaller Cos (4-1)	90.66	95.83	+ 0.69	1.68
Growth	413.20	439.60	- 2.50	2.17
Income & Growth	395.80	421.10*	- 4.50	3.86
Japan & Gen	82.15	87.40	- 0.27	..
Master Portfolio	£102.96	£106.91*	-42.00	1.90
Special Sits	94.76	100.81*	- 0.41	2.20
High Yield	£12.97	£13.38	- 4.00	4.27
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	35.30	37.75	- 0.25	0.27
Cash Income	50.31	50.31	+ 0.02	4.99
European Gwth	40.12	42.74	- 1.15	0.35
Income & Gwth Inc	27.49	29.40	- 0.20	4.17
Intnl Gwth	31.36	33.54	- 0.50	0.56
Japan Gwth	30.32	32.42	- 0.09	..
Managed Tst Inc	48.37	51.73	- 0.76	1.62
Oriental Opps Inc	145.40	156.00	- 2.80	..
Property Shares	41.01	43.86	+ 0.01	0.31
Smaller Cos	30.88	33.02	+ 0.37	1.21
UK Growth Tst	25.54	27.31	- 0.19	2.47
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	72.37	77.39	- 1.00	1.26
Cap Hse UK Inc	66.37	70.98	- 0.51	2.43
Exempt (C)	28.40	29.21		2.33
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	143.40	153.30	- 0.60	1.60
Foundation	92.91	99.36	+ 0.79	2.27
German	51.80	55.39	+ 0.10	...
High Income	73.55	78.66	- 0.55	5.73
Income	135.70	145.10	- 0.40	3.22
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70	..	1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.40	..	1.07
Monthly Income	83.51	89.31	+ 0.76	3.96
North American	100.50	107.50	- 1.40	..
Orient	157.10	168.00	- 0.20	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	80.94	86.33*	- 0.63	2.36
American Portfolio	86.35	92.04	- 0.19	1.06
European Portfolio	95.42	101.65	- 1.63	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	74.75	79.54*	- 0.44	..
Pacific Portfolio	143.04	153.81	- 1.19	0.78
UK Inc & Growth	74.17	79.38	+ 0.03	3.51
Utility & Bond	54.22	54.85	+ 0.02	6.00
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	63.51	67.56	- 0.89	2.96
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	138.36	150.16*	+ 0.27	
UK Income	109.55	119.77*	+ 0.47	5.021
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	75.58	80.07	- 1.38	2.09
Beck Bio-Tech	25.17	28.13	+ 0.32	
Acorn Ethical Tst	155.42	163.60	+ 0.77	1.29
City Fin Assets	72.67	77.31	- 2.93	1.02
City Fin America	81.90	86.21	- 1.70	..
City Fin Intl	77.81	81.91	+ 0.17	0.48
City Fin Japan	183.17	192.81	- 2.00	...
Friars Hse Cap	268.51	290.57*	+ 5.39	1.47
Friars Hse Inc	196.85	209.41	+ 2.32	3.86
Buckley Wrld Grth	134.66	143.25	+ 1.12	0.08
Fairmnt Cap Grh	143.06	150.61	+ 0.34	..
-do- Inc & Gth	110.44	116.25	+ 0.67	1.55
Fairmount Intl	159.52	167.92	+ 0.16	..
City Fin Pflio Inc	57.81	61.50	- 0.45	4.0
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	55.65	59.04*	- 0.03	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	52.30	55.94	- 0.05	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.01	39.58	- 0.19	0.26
Dragon Growth	71.98	76.98	- 0.27	0.27
Equity High Inc	91.28	96.47	+ 0.21	3.76
European Gwth	49.77	52.95	- 1.36	0.79
Evergreen	29.42	31.46	- 0.41	..
General Equity	81.18	86.13	- 0.72	2.47
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.53	24.74*	- 0.44	8.33
Japan Growth	57.36	61.35	+ 0.68	..
Pedigree Gwth	49.96	53.04	- 0.26	2.44
Ped Sm Cos Inc	31.31	33.41	+ 0.05	0.57
Retirement Inc	25.58	27.36	- 0.14	5.57
Special Sits	37.47	40.08	- 0.36	1.72
UK & Overseas	47.83	50.88	- 0.24	1.01
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 895 000				
Capital	63.65	68.07*	- 0.59	2.38
Income	57.70	61.71*	- 0.58	4.00
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	155.42	165.59	- 2.45	3.32
Fixed & Convertible	40.36	42.99	- 0.72	6.95
Monthly Inc Plus	48.18	51.26	- 0.47	9.74
Preference Share	47.55	50.90*	- 0.77	7.81
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	122.88	130.72*	- 2.82	4.74
Managed Fund	66.35	70.58	- 0.86	2.82
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.44	43.02	+ 0.21	1.58
UK & General	76.53	81.73	- 0.54	2.35
UK Growth	137.67	146.46	- 0.98	2.33
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	191.55	204.05	- 5.94	0.24
Far Eastern Grth	138.66	147.74	- 0.35	..
Global Bond	78.87	83.62	- 1.36	6.26
Japan Growth	135.24	143.57	- 0.77	
North Amer Grth	152.42	162.15	+ 0.03	..
Oriental Growth	79.40	84.47	- 0.30	
Worldwide Growth	64.43	68.54	- 0.63	0.05
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.54	92.59	+ 0.06	4.43
Homemaker Fund	75.79	80.63	- 0.84	1.87
Quilter Fund	128.21	136.39*	- 1.55	2.51
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	57.70	61.39*	- 0.43	3.00
High Income	33.35	35.47	- 0.19	4.70
Japan	39.09	41.54	+ 0.03	..
Smaller Cos Inc	31.41	33.41	- 0.26	2.30
Smaller Cos	32.94	35.04	- 0.27	2.30
North American	32.02	34.06	- 0.20	0.40
European	37.09	39.45	- 1.20	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	30.50	33.06*	+ 0.25	3.27
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	142.60	151.80	- 0.50	1.86
Income	71.22	75.92*	- 0.09	5.00
European	60.25	64.10	- 1.92	0.60
Recovery	141.90	151.00	- 0.50	1.86
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	794.60	808.10*		3.80
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	69.81	74.26	- 0.04	1.39
Income	231.30	246.00	- 0.70	4.46
Smaller Cos	148.70	158.10	- 0.70	0.85
Inv Portfolio	76.98	81.89	- 0.27	1.46
High Income Port	66.24	70.46	- 0.24	4.85
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.76	£16.14	-21.20	.
Japan Small Cos	£14.15	£14.44	-18.60	...
UK Small Cos	£17.91	£18.56	+23.40	...
US Small Cos	£15.73	£16.17	+ 6.20	..
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	201.70	212.30	+ 3.70	2.48
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	269.40	284.90	- 8.50	1.05
New Asia	223.90	238.80	+ 1.40	..
Japan Growth	138.70	147.60	+ 0.50	..
Jap Smllr Co	588.60	625.50	+ 1.40	..
Nth Amer	244.10	258.70*	- 0.20	0.94
Shlrd Asia Pac Mi	124.30	131.30	+ 0.60	..
UK Inc & Grth	211.70	226.10	- 2.50	3.16
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	137.10	145.80	- 0.60	1.84
UK High Inc Inc	149.40	158.90	- 0.30	4.53
UK Pref & F I Inc	55.05	58.56	- 0.79	5.35
Envrnmntl Opps	81.89	87.12	- 0.08	1.08
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	118.40	125.60	- 1.40	1.00
Convertibles	21.58	22.93	- 0.06	7.20
Equity Income	125.60	133.70	- 0.40	3.74
EuroFund	45.47	48.07	- 0.96	0.42
Financial	46.72	49.64	- 0.72	1.61
Growth & Inc	227.10	241.30*	- 0.20	3.11
High Dist	154.20	163.80	- 0.10	4.58
Intl Cap Inc	95.77	102.20*	- 0.60	2.54
Latin American	47.44	50.40*	+ 0.84	..
Pacific	86.77	92.15	+ 0.99	..
Preference Share	22.41	23.81*	- 0.19	6.93
Tokyo	251.50	266.40	- 1.30	..
UK Smaller Cos	227.00	241.20	- 2.70	1.04
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL 071 242 0242				
Elcon Trust	210.89	225.14	+ 0.01	1.02
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	205.90	219.00	+ 1.00	0.51
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	79.71	83.91	- 1.54	1.63
Ethical Tst	45.97	48.28	- 0.02	1.19
Far Eastern	319.41	336.30*	+ 0.22	1.39
High Income	133.50	140.53	- 0.38	4.46
Intl Growth	118.93	125.19	+ 0.04	1.37
North American	106.18	111.77	- 0.88	1.01
Pelican	115.44	121.52	- 1.33	3.06
Smaller Cos	72.02	75.81	+ 0.53	2.18
Special Sits	91.20	96.00	- 1.21	2.35
Tst of Inv Tsts	186.70	196.53*	- 1.67	1.51
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	212.24	221.08	+ 2.48	1.18
Smaller Cos Acc	368.50	383.85	+ 4.30	1.18
Recovery	53.95	56.20	- 0.60	1.16
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	106.66	113.41	- 0.88	5.99
Capital Growth	83.61	89.98	- 0.60	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	45.71	48.76*	- 0.02	0.59
High Income	46.70	50.05*	- 0.37	8.85
Warrant	60.91	66.21	+ 0.71	..
Zero Preference	36.05	38.25	- 0.02	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	76.20	81.06*	- 0.90	2.09
Family Income Tst	48.59	48.59*	+ 0.13	5.74
Family Trust	87.01	92.56*	...	1.05
United Charities	258.80	275.20	..	2.80
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 180				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.20
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	23.95	25.28	- 0.19	2.88
-do- Europe	24.01	25.39	+ 0.15	4.29
-do- America	22.23	23.42	- 0.18	..
-do- Acc Japan	27.85	29.36	+ 0.04	0.02
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.41	27.69*	- 0.48	7.77
Intl Bond	27.76	28.82*	- 0.17	5.25
Income Funds				
High Income	26.13	27.50*	- 0.09	5.19
Income Plus	113.70	120.90	- 0.80	3.83
Amer Eq Inc	46.74	49.53*	- 0.65	1.15
European Income	43.41	46.16	- 1.03	2.24
Far East Inc	63.91	68.08	- 0.34	1.75
Global Convertible	23.37	24.93	+ 0.03	2.56
UK Div Grth	22.76	24.21	- 0.07	1.52
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	63.98	68.25	+ 0.30	..
American	228.00	241.80	+ 0.70	...
Amer Spec Sits	105.00	112.10	- 0.40	...
Japan Smaller Cos	47.72	50.91	+ 0.06	..
European	162.10	172.40	- 4.40	..
European Opps	62.26	66.20	- 0.71	
Global Priv	23.65	25.12	- 0.37	...
UK Growth	85.83	91.26	- 0.40	...
Growth & Inc	145.30	154.50	+ 0.40	2.75
Intl PEP	35.38	37.62	- 0.20	...
Japan Spec Sits	107.80	115.00	- 0.20	...
Japan	219.30	233.00*	- 0.70	
Managed Intl	273.20	291.50	- 1.70	..
Moneybuilder	53.08	56.44*	- 0.21	..
Recovery	47.14	50.13	+ 0.07	..
South E Asia	153.40	163.70	- 1.90	..
Special Sits	516.30	549.00	- 1.30	..
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	107.10	112.80*	- 1.90	2.46
UK Reverse Index	78.44	82.92*	+ 1.75	3.74
Europe Index	96.94	102.10*	- 4.30	4.53
-do- Reverse Index	74.90	79.01*	+ 5.20	0.61
America Index	96.14	101.40*	- 0.60	0.15
-do- Reverse Index	91.65	96.54*	- 0.64	0.27
Japan Index	139.90	147.30*	+ 1.00	0.12
-do- Reverse Index	89.77	94.51*	- 0.84	0.77
Cash Accum Units	106.14	106.14	+ 0.07	4.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	138.90	142.10	- 0.50	1.57
Inc Ptfolio	86.83	88.48	- 0.56	3.80
Cap Ptfolio	141.10	146.80	- 1.80	0.69
General Opps	123.40	125.90	+ 0.30	3.15
Growth Inc	30.72	31.39	- 0.20	1.62
Private Portfolio	399.10	407.20	- 2.00	1.45
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	112.00	118.30*	- 2.80	0.36
Emrg Asian	175.20	189.70	- 2.90	..
High Income	21.71	23.08*	- 0.12	9.86
Oseas Income	92.19	98.28	- 1.60	2.87
UK Growth	110.10	117.90	- 1.80	1.44
UK Income	103.30	110.10	- 0.90	4.27
US Smaller Cos	281.40	301.00	- 2.30	..
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	48.33	51.41	- 0.75	3.27
-do- Inv Tst Inc	78.44	83.45	...	4.46
Intl Growth	71.30	75.85	+ 0.31	1.19
Investment Trust	92.69	98.61	+ 0.37	0.14
UK Smaller Cos	78.01	83.03*	+ 0.51	1.28
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	50.96	54.45	+ 0.28	..
(Accum Units)	50.96	54.45	- 0.28	...
Amer Smllr Cos	436.40	466.60	+ 1.50	..
(Accum Units)	445.80	476.70	+ 1.50	
Capital Tst	314.90	334.80	+ 0.30	1.44
(Accum Units)	445.30	473.60	+ 0.30	1.44
Conti Smllr Cos	59.98	66.01	+ 0.34	0.44
(Accum Units)	63.08	69.42	+ 0.26	0.44
Convertible	130.70	139.00*	- 0.30	5.27
(Accum Units)	257.80	274.20*	- 0.60	5.27
Emerging Markets	80.39	85.86	- 0.16	
(Accum Units)	80.45	85.95	- 0.16	
European	116.30	125.90	- 3.00	
(Accum Units)	121.90	131.90	- 3.20	...
Extra Income	325.40	349.30	+ 2.60	3.76
(Accum Units)	485.80	516.70	+ 3.90	3.76
Financial	117.70	126.70	- 1.40	0.35
(Accum Units)	124.00	133.40	- 1.50	0.35
Gilt Trust	60.11	61.98	- 1.21	6.49
(Accum Units)	81.65	84.20	- 1.64	6.48
Health Fund Inc	112.70	120.40	- 1.50	...
(Accum Units)	112.70	120.40	+ 1.50	
Income & Growth	193.30	205.60	+ 0.10	3.57
(Accum Units)	284.30	302.40	+ 0.40	3.57
Intl Growth	352.10	379.60	- 1.40	...
(Accum Units)	390.90	421.50	- 1.60	...
Japan & Gen	206.40	221.20	- 0.50	...
(Accum Units)	208.50	223.40	- 0.50	..
Managed Port Inc	103.90	109.30	- 0.30	1.30
(Accum Units)	110.20	115.90	- 0.30	1.30
Monthly Income	163.10	173.40	+ 1.00	3.53
Quarterly Income	52.93	56.30*	- 0.95	4.26
(Accum Units)	55.51	59.36*	- 0.22	4.26
Recovery	351.80	376.20	- 2.00	...
(Accum Units)	415.80	442.50	- 2.40	..
UK Growth	50.69	54.17	- 0.39	2.49
(Accum Units)	52.43	56.03	- 0.41	2.49
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	275.11	299.05	- 1.59	2.81
-do- Accum	792.77	832.73	- 3.34	2.81
FP Euro Gth Dist	136.22	144.92*	- 2.35	0.26
-do- Accum	141.68	150.72*	- 2.35	0.26
FP Fixed Int Dist	127.01	134.35	- 1.95	7.30
-do- Accum	226.60	239.69	- 3.30	7.30
FP Intl Gth Dist	94.11	100.12	- 0.71	0.46
-do- Accum	98.18	104.45	- 0.73	0.46
FP Nth Amer Dist	179.58	190.23*	- 1.82	0.97
-do- Accum	196.99	208.68*	- 2.00	0.97
FP Pac Basin Dist	329.62	350.66*	- 1.38	0.14
-do- Accum	336.24	357.81*	- 1.40	0.14
Stewardship Dist	329.41	350.01	- 1.54	1.96
-do- Accum	397.93	423.33	- 1.86	1.96
Swrdshp Inc Dist	71.56	76.45*	+ 0.54	3.49
-do- Accum	91.50	97.60*	+ 0.69	3.49
N Am Stshp Dist	96.11	102.25*	..	0.57
-do- Accum	101.91	108.41*	..	0.57
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	109.70	116.60	+ 0.10	0.80
Open Cap Gth Acc	112.50	119.60	+ 0.30	0.09
Cap Gth Inc Inc	105.30	112.00*	+ 0.20	1.57
Cap Gth Inc Acc	107.00	113.80	+ 0.20	1.57
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	106.50	113.20*	+ 0.10	1.81
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	108.10	114.90	+ 0.10	1.91
NM Unit Trusts				
American	42.54	45.25	- 0.33	1.69
Australian	333.30	357.50	-12.00	0.0
Conscience	71.46	76.26	+ 0.29	0.43
European	197.60	210.20	- 6.80	1.15
Extra Income	71.43	76.23*	- 0.79	5.82
Gilt & FI	54.05	57.04*	- 0.66	6.99
Gold	55.36	59.52	- 1.88	0.0
Income	53.64	57.21	- 0.35	3.85
Intnl	33.60	35.93	- 0.27	0.49
Jap Smaller Cos	429.50	458.10	..	0.0
Singp & Malaysian	261.20	280.10	- 4.50	0.0
Smaller Cos	30.65	32.95	+ 0.26	0.57
Special Sits	35.61	38.29	+ 0.09	1.76
Sterling Deposit	100.40	100.40*	..	4.50
Tokyo	96.68	103.10	...	0.0
UK Equity	171.90	183.30*	- 1.40	2.71
US Smaller Cos	106.70	114.10	- 2.60	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	232.50	245.90	- 0.60	2.43
Cash	49.32	50.06*	+ 0.03	3.87
Growth Portfolio	79.50	84.27	- 0.21	0.68
Income Portfolio	65.65	69.42*	..	4.47
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	159.50	170.60	+ 0.70	.
European	559.60	597.40	- 4.80	0.46
Far East & Gen	296.80	317.50	+ 5.30	..
Germany	126.60	134.10	- 1.20	...
Income Inc	153.00	163.70	- 0.30	4.47
International	345.60	369.70	+ 1.40	0.19
Intl Income	80.09	85.06	- 0.84	4.06
Japan & General	443.40	473.30	- 3.40	..
Korean Securities	70.99	75.93	+ 0.79	..
Smllr Cos Div Inc	49.39	52.83*	+ 0.10	4.67
UK Capital (Inc)	171.70	183.70*	- 0.20	0.95
UK Spec Sits	89.25	95.46	- 1.12	0.34
US & General	130.10	138.10	+ 0.40	..
Wwide Spec Sits	156.70	167.10*	- 0.90	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.40	50.67*	- 0.91	2.01
Cash Trust	134.16	134.16*	+ 0.08	4.19
Practical Inv Inc	116.41	124.50	- 0.17	3.53
UK Index	145.17	147.59	- 1.35	2.93
UK Smaller Cos	122.10	130.59	- 0.08	1.00
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.22	25.40*	- 0.15	9.54
High Income	32.66	34.93*	- 0.02	4.92
UK Equity Income	132.79	142.02*	- 1.50	3.76
Global Bond	27.88	28.69*	- 0.62	4.95
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	59.29	63.41	+ 0.57	..
Global Inc & Gth	133.94	142.78	- 2.03	1.43
Gold & Intl Res	115.75	123.80	- 0.22	0.19
Global Utilities	132.04	141.22	- 1.02	1.01
Overseas Funds				
American	133.09	142.45	- 0.41	0.91
European	96.13	101.76	- 2.47	0.75
Euro Sel Opps	137.31	145.75*	- 2.92	0.19
Amer Emerging	89.35	95.56	+ 0.29	..
Hong Kong	148.35	158.66	- 4.39	1.73
Japan	271.71	290.51*	- 0.42	..
Pacific Growth	226.58	242.33	- 1.99	1.16
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	211.47	211.47*	- 2.06	1.76
Long Term Bal	229.37	229.37*	- 1.05	2.24
Med Term Bal	191.75	191.75	- 0.61	2.83
UK Equity	231.38	231.38	- 6.50	2.24
UK Emerging Cos	139.93	139.93	+ 1.23	2.10
American	222.61	222.61	- 2.06	1.30
Japan	143.79	143.79	- 1.47	..
European	290.63	290.63	- 6.92	0.99
Index Linked Gilt	160.33	160.33	- 0.37	3.33
Fixed Interest	147.59	147.59	- 2.18	6.65
Amer Emerges	240.66	240.66	+ 0.07	...
Pacific	246.97	246.97*	+ 1.24	0.90
Emerging Mkts	173.89	173.89*	+ 2.75	0.39
Index Strat Japan	166.42	166.42*	- 0.32	0.20
-do- Pacific Rim	192.19	192.19*	+ 0.93	1.00
-do- Cont Europe	149.98	149.98*	- 2.89	1.54
Index Strat USA	125.82	125.82*	- 1.06	2.20
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	99.90	106.28	- 1.03	..
Med Term Bal	91.16	96.78	- 0.87	..
Long Term Bal	103.28	109.87	- 1.23	...
UK Equity	107.03	113.86	- 2.19	..
UK Emerging Cos	65.67	69.86	+ 0.61	
American	103.46	110.07	- 1.02	..
Japan	69.21	73.62	- 0.76	..
European	104.47	111.14	- 3.06	..
Fixed Interest	74.46	79.21	- 1.17	..
Index Linked Gilt	71.19	75.73	- 0.16	..
Deposit	78.28	83.27	+ 0.05	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Grth	125.78	132.40*	+ 0.31	
Berkeley Income	112.81	118.75*	- 0.25	2.15
BWH Intl	140.16	147.54	- 0.14	0.58
Breffit Gth Port Inc	61.35	64.75	+ 0.05	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	56.40	59.52*	+ 0.12	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	53.99	56.88	- 0.03	0.50
Shaw Utilities	56.43	59.56	- 0.70	3.58
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Inv Opportunities	142.60	150.80	+ 0.90	1.01
Higher Income	126.20	132.60	+ 0.10	1.93
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	556.01	591.50	- 5.56	0.82
European Inc	149.09	157.54	+ 0.20	1.29
Amalgam Inc	151.22	160.06	+ 1.67	..
N America Inc	322.62	343.21	- 6.58	..
Far East Inc	377.42	401.51	- 0.68	0.20
UK Divid Inc	175.68	186.89	+ 5.56	0.88
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7595				
UK Equity Inc	87.08	91.70	- 1.79	4.86
UK Small Cos	46.77	50.02	- 1.59	1.04
British Growth	53.04	55.92	- 0.40	2.90
American Gwth	142.01	151.89	- 1.67	0.37
Japan Gwth	89.96	96.22	- 0.14	
Greater China	198.38	212.17	- 2.80	..
Pacific Strategy	174.38	186.50	+ 0.35	..
European Gwth	86.79	92.83	- 1.58	0.56
Intl Growth	145.89	156.03	+ 1.17	0.51
US Index (£)	12.82	13.51	+ 0.02	3.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	76.32	80.73*	- 0.30	2.31
Monthly Income	39.12	41.60*	+ 0.36	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	10.38	10.94	- 0.27	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	93.58	99.55	- 2.08	1.18
Bridge Income	262.32	279.07	+ 1.51	5.36
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9666				
Cash	136.10	136.10	+ 0.10	3.57
European	483.70	516.70	- 5.10	0.19
Gilt & Fixed	123.50	131.10	- 1.50	5.04
Growth Equity	328.90	351.30	- 2.00	1.85
Income Trust	126.30	134.90	+ 0.60	2.92
International	184.80	197.40	- 1.00	..
Japan Trust	140.60	150.20*	+ 0.30	.
Nth American	252.20	269.40	- 2.40	0.27
Pacific	569.80	608.70	- 3.70	..
Guardhill	486.00	519.20	- 2.10	1.91
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	101.40	106.21	- 2.54	8.09
Global High Inc	102.40	106.27*	- 1.92	7.66
Prem Fixed Int	100.20	104.03	- 2.44	8.71
Eqty & Bond Inc	101.42	107.14*	- 0.76	4.83
European Growth	100.36	106.71	- 1.46	...
Intl PEP Trust	61.22	65.09	- 0.33	...
High Income	121.15	128.82*	+ 3.06	3.94
Recovery	382.70	406.90	+ 3.30	1.44
St Vinc High Inc	128.63	130.55	- 1.99	6.70
Tmp Bar Emer Co	247.00	262.60	+ 4.30	1.49
Tmp Br Sm Co In	349.00	355.10*	- 9.10	2.05
Glob Priv Tst	94.64	100.63	- 0.54	1.18
Inc Share Tst	95.61	101.66	- 0.21	7.84
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	38.95	41.29*	- 0.04	1.56
Income Advtg Inc	31.16	33.03	- 0.02	3.73
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	202.60	215.00	+ 0.20	2.07
Smaller Cos	34.41	36.61	- 0.33	0.82
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 265 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	289.47	309.73	+ 1.19	1.21
Best of British	62.69	66.63	- 0.58	2.50
UK Smaller Cos	121.98	131.12*	+ 1.31	1.09
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	272.48	290.18	- 1.69	3.03
High Income	318.15	340.09*	- 0.61	3.78
Extra Income	275.38	293.85	- 0.98	5.04
Pref & Gilt	44.40	47.72*	- 0.18	9.13
International				
International	272.32	290.73	- 2.03	0.14
Global Bond	51.96	55.36	- 1.24	5.64
Family of Funds	82.67	88.23*	- 0.29	0.20
Global Tech	138.70	148.33	+ 4.78	..
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	183.06	195.76	- 1.18	...
European	467.40	496.40	-16.55	0.27
European Income	81.53	86.36*	- 2.12	2.49
Euro Smlr Cos	146.25	156.92	- 2.13	0.03
Eur Sp Sits	68.68	73.05	- 1.36	0.31
Japan Trust	242.34	257.86*	+ 1.22	...
Japan Special Sits	271.15	288.49	- 0.36	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	267.87	284.98	+ 0.51	..
North American	227.89	243.32*	- 0.80	0.36
American Smaller	97.00	103.69	- 1.11	..
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	51.49	54.57	- 0.59	
Eur Sp Sits	58.94	62.47	- 1.16	..
General Growth	42.16	44.68	- 0.39	..
Global Tech	54.26	57.51	+ 1.85	..
Income Growth	41.46	43.94	- 0.26	...
Japan Growth	29.64	31.41	+ 0.13	...
Overseas Growth	39.78	42.16	- 0.28	...
Smaller Cos	21.63	22.92	- 0.22	...
Special Opps	28.64	30.35	+ 0.30	..
Wwide Sp Sits	49.63	52.60	- 0.35	..
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	96.85	103.50	- 0.30	1.94
Capital	171.50	183.40*	- 1.30	1.63
Dollar	325.00	347.70	- 0.40	..
European	231.69	247.70*	- 8.80	..
Far East	338.40	361.40	- 3.00	0.18
Financial	791.40	846.40	- 3.70	1.37
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.58	25.56*	- 0.36	8.10
High Yield	104.50	111.70	- 0.10	4.43
Income & Growth	141.60	151.40	- 1.30	3.50
International	253.30	270.90*	- 1.70	..
Japanese General	224.70	240.30	- 0.40	..
Japan Tech	91.81	98.19	+ 0.20	..
Nat Resources	73.43	78.53	- 0.99	..
Portfolio	72.22	77.24	- 0.37	1.46
Security	328.70	351.90	- 2.10	1.95
Smaller Cos	129.60	138.60	+ 0.60	0.99
Special Sits	150.10	160.50	- 0.50	1.27
UK Emerging Cos	91.86	98.24	+ 0.31	0.36
US Smaller Cos	65.61	70.17	+ 1.60	..

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HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
Index Funds				
American Index	190.60	203.10	- 1.20	1.34
Eurotrack 100	152.60	162.20	- 5.60	1.07
Footsie Fund	51.55	54.44	- 0.71	2.40
Japan Index	87.76	93.66	+ 0.30	0.06
Tiger Index	214.80	229.20	+ 2.40	0.27
Trickle Index	114.50	122.20	- 1.40	1.78
UK Index	135.50	144.60*	- 1.30	2.96
Active Funds				
American Growth	455.90	486.60	- 3.40	0.70
Asian	59.08	63.05	+ 0.37	0.15
Capital	575.20	613.90	- 7.90	1.84
European Growth	113.10	120.10	- 4.00	..
Global Bond	20.48	21.62*	- 0.64	6.54
Hong Kong Gwth	107.70	114.90	- 2.50	0.63
Income	555.30	592.50	- 2.30	3.71
Intl Growth	79.59	84.82*	- 1.15	0.11
Japan Growth	325.50	345.20	- 0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	42.22	45.06	- 0.20	..
Spore & Mlysn Gth	79.24	84.57	+ 0.63	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 530200 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	59.27	63.39	- 0.62	2.54
(Accum Units)	61.56	65.83	- 0.65	2.54
British Tst	81.08	86.72	- 1.39	1.93
(Accum Units)	93.22	99.69	- 1.51	1.93
Extra High Inc	67.06	71.72*	- 0.37	6.39
(Accum Units)	126.10	134.80*	- 0.70	6.39
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.36	54.49	- 0.71	6.60
(Accum Units)	147.10	153.00	- 2.00	6.60
High Yield	221.60	237.00	- 1.10	5.12
(Accum Units)	541.30	578.90	- 2.70	5.12
Income	286.40	306.30*	- 2.00	3.26
(Accum Units)	623.40	666.70*	- 4.40	3.26
Money Market UT	49.33	49.33*	+ 0.03	4.04
(Accum Units)	75.99	75.99*	+ 0.05	4.04
Monthly Income	84.12	89.97*	- 0.48	5.59
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.44	102.60*	- 1.60	1.91
European Growth	108.90	115.90*	- 3.90	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	79.62	84.46*	- 1.24	6.57
Income	84.11	89.49*	- 0.68	2.86
Japan Growth	61.18	65.09*	+ 0.04	...
Managed	66.20	70.43*	- 1.03	2.50
Money Market	84.86	89.74*	- 0.17	4.48
North American	84.23	89.61*	- 0.66	0.50
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	87.61	93.20*	- 1.47	1.90
European Growth	102.60	109.10*	- 3.60	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	75.88	80.49*	- 1.16	6.53
Income	82.62	87.89*	- 0.68	2.92
Japan Growth	60.96	64.85*	+ 0.04	..
Managed	63.66	67.72*	- 0.63	2.45
Money Market	78.28	82.96*	- 0.09	4.43
North American	76.79	81.69*	- 0.63	0.60
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	87.73	93.33*	- 1.49	1.88
European Growth	100.10	106.50*	- 3.60	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	69.62	74.06*	- 0.97	6.66
Income	81.86	87.09*	- 0.60	2.93
Japan Growth	62.44	66.43*	+ 0.04	..
Managed	66.65	70.90*	- 0.70	2.45
Money Market	73.25	77.66*	+ 0.05	4.48
North American	84.99	90.42*	- 0.70	0.46
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	72.31	75.05	- 0.01	0.35
Smaller Cos	29.86	30.94*	- 0.68	0.89
Special Features	31.56	32.75	- 0.09	1.62
(Accum Units)	37.90	39.34	- 0.08	1.62
General Funds				
Managed Invest		...		
PEP Managed	71.71	74.43	- 0.67	2.40
Rupert Child Tst	82.02	85.13	- 0.57	2.18
UK Growth	58.93	61.16	- 0.62	2.36
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.04	50.04*	+ 0.02	3.96
Cashbox (Acc)	58.12	58.12*	+ 0.02	3.96
Extra Income	85.04	86.19*	- 0.78	5.26
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.48	26.37*	- 0.27	8.26
Income & Growth	40.03	41.55	- 0.12	3.13
UK Income	336.40	349.10	- 2.30	3.48
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	49.05	50.90	- 0.46	1.04
US Smaller Cos	101.60	105.40*	+ 0.10	...
(Accum Units)	102.60	106.40*	+ 0.10	...
Europe Perf	155.00	160.50*	- 3.80	..
(Accum Units)	160.20	165.90*	- 4.00	...
Euro Smaller Cos	29.36	30.47	- 0.25	...
French Growth	76.88	79.80	- 3.34	..
Accum Units	82.37	85.50	- 3.61	..
H Kong & China	90.00	93.42	+ 1.23	1.38
Intl Growth	58.37	60.58	- 0.87	0.43
Accum Units	58.66	60.88	- 0.89	0.43
Japan Perf	38.42	39.87	+ 0.12	..
Accum Units	38.42	39.87	+ 0.12	..
Japan Smaller Cos	49.70	51.58	- 0.38	...
Glob Emg Mkts	116.10	120.50*	+ 1.20	..
Accum Units	116.90	121.30*	+ 1.10	.
SE Asia	341.10	354.00	- 2.80	0.37
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	91.36	94.83	- 1.27	1.57
Intl Bond	53.24	55.62	- 0.76	5.53
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	131.50	139.80	+ 3.10	..
Income	141.35	150.37*	- 0.77	3.98
UK Growth	52.05	55.36*	- 0.16	0.97
International	87.99	93.60*	+ 1.05	0.24
Ecology	80.07	85.18	+ 0.75	1.26
European	115.73	122.75	- 0.94	...
Far Eastern	343.90	365.80	+ 3.80	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	51.21	54.48	...	7.05
Gilt Yield	111.50	117.70	- 1.30	7.25
Global Income	221.50	235.60*	- 4.20	3.86
High Yield	139.90	148.80	+ 0.20	5.85
Smllr Cos Div	53.53	56.95*	- 0.30	2.79
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.61	94.27	- 0.76	...
North American	73.77	78.48	- 0.14	0.25
European Special	99.19	105.50*	- 1.70	0.14
European	154.20	164.00	- 3.10	0.37
General	269.60	286.80	- 0.60	3.14
Japan	471.40	501.50	- 1.50	.
Japanese Special	288.60	307.00	- 4.70	...
Master Accum	243.70	259.30	- 0.60	0.83
Pacific	362.30	385.40	- 2.20	0.22
Smaller Cos	113.50	120.70	+ 0.70	0.53
UK Equity Growth	41.28	43.91*	+ 0.29	1.54
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0LA 071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	64.55	68.68	- 0.33	..
Inv Trust	71.39	75.95	+ 0.14	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	59.55	63.36	- 0.52	0.80
High Inc Acc	54.94	58.45	- 0.22	3.50
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	605.90	618.30*	+11.20	5.78
Intl & General	435.70	444.60	+ 7.60	0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	55.55	59.10*	- 0.65	4.45
Smaller Cos	55.67	58.91	+ 0.59	0.85
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	245.00	260.60	- 3.40	1.99
High Income	107.80	114.70*	+ 0.10	4.05
International	100.50	106.90*	- 1.20	0.63
Recovery Trust	64.72	68.95	- 0.74	1.32
European Trust	84.29	89.67	- 1.64	0.63
Japanese Trust	49.40	52.55	- 0.05	...
American Trust	79.59	84.67	+ 0.89	..
Managed	72.23	72.34	+ 0.12	0.39
Cash	50.56	50.56	+ 0.02	3.91
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	356.00	361.70*	+ 1.10	2.49
UK Inc/Gth	381.30	387.10*	+ 2.10	3.34
UK Income	269.10	273.20*	+ 1.50	4.02
UK Sm Cos	242.00	250.90*	+ 2.30	1.58
Euro Gwth	125.40	126.50	- 2.70	..
N Amer Gwth	76.28	77.05	- 0.06	0.12
Japan Growth	73.80	74.55	- 0.04	..
Money Mkt	119.89	119.89	+ 0.17	2.290
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	466.50	496.30	- 4.10	2.58
Equity Income	96.91	103.10*	- 0.90	3.81
UK Tactical Allocn	54.71	58.09	- 1.09	2.98
European	112.90	120.10*	- 4.50	0.97
Far Eastern	251.10	267.10	- 0.10	...
Fixed Interest	49.62	52.77	- 0.93	7.50
Gilt	85.63	90.81	- 1.20	6.76
Global Growth	80.74	85.89	- 1.14	0.85
Intl Bond	50.52	53.61*	- 1.88	4.92
Japanese	85.78	91.26	+ 0.21	...
North American	144.40	153.60*	- 0.10	0.46
Pacific Growth	120.40	128.10	- 0.70	...
UK Index	61.85	65.28	- 0.57	3.05
UK Recovery	92.01	97.88	+ 0.02	1.78
UK Smaller Cos	123.00	130.90*	+ 1.50	1.17
US Index	57.43	60.61	- 0.09	1.80
European Index	71.82	75.80*	- 2.75	1.62
Japan Index	46.02	48.57	+ 0.21	..
Worldwide	85.62	91.09	- 0.51	1.25
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	50.27	53.48*	+ 0.27	1.81
Income	59.90	64.06*	+ 0.42	2.85
Far East	60.50	64.71	+ 0.66	...
North American	84.56	90.92	+ 1.87	...
Global	94.38	100.40	+ 0.74	...
European	88.07	94.19	- 1.28	0.41
Japan	123.40	132.00	+ 0.20	...
Intl Currency Bd	57.42	60.86	- 0.34	4.13
SE Asia	119.30	127.60	+ 0.20	0.15
UK Cap Growth	92.34	98.76	+ 0.31	1.86
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	340.80	362.60	- 1.40	2.71
-do- Acc	764.50	813.40	- 3.20	2.71
Conti Euro Gth	62.95	66.27	- 1.16	0.69
-do- Acc	67.06	70.59	- 1.23	0.69
Extra Inc	257.40	273.90	+ 3.70	3.83
-do- Acc	653.30	695.00	+ 9.70	3.83
German Gth	129.30	136.00	- 0.40	0.12
-do- Acc	135.50	142.70	- 0.30	0.12
Growth Port	549.90	585.10	- 1.10	0.06
-do- Acc	554.60	590.10	- 1.10	0.06
Income	487.00	518.10	...	3.55
-do- Acc	£12.87	£13.70	...	3.56
Income Port	510.40	543.00	- 0.90	4.13
-do- Acc	531.40	565.40	- 0.90	4.13
Japan Growth	118.50	126.10	...	...
-do- Acc	118.90	126.50	...	...
Master Trust	57.82	61.52	- 0.15	1.37
-do- Acc	64.54	68.67	- 0.18	1.37
N American Gen	175.00	186.20	- 1.50	...
-do- Acc	202.20	215.20	- 1.60	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	128.40	136.60	+ 1.00	...
-do- Acc	131.10	139.50	+ 1.00	...
Pacific Basin	272.80	290.30	- 1.20	0.30
-do- Acc	289.40	307.90	- 1.40	0.30
Small Cos Rec	361.20	380.30	+ 3.70	2.01
-do- Acc	478.40	503.60	+ 4.80	2.01
UK Growth	85.36	90.81*	- 0.22	2.34
-do- Acc	102.50	109.10	- 0.30	2.34
Worldwide Gth	322.60	343.20	- 1.80	0.22
-do- Acc	475.80	506.20	- 2.80	0.22
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	63.66	68.31*	- 0.38	0.10
General	86.39	92.59	- 0.30	2.30
Income	67.62	72.55	+ 0.15	5.00
International	65.92	70.73	- 0.42	0.40
Japan	65.20	69.96*	+ 0.24	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	69.86	74.96	+ 0.22	1.50
M & G SECURITIES M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	384.80	406.90*	- 6.90	0.73
(Accum Units)	477.60	505.10	- 8.60	0.73
Amer Recovery	444.70	475.60	- 1.30	0.33
(Accum Units)	515.50	545.20	- 1.50	0.33
Amer Smllr Cos	122.90	130.00*	- 1.30	...
(Accum Units)	125.50	132.80	- 1.40	...
Australasian	172.00	181.90	+ 3.40	1.45
(Accum Units)	207.20	219.20	+ 4.00	1.45
Capital	825.70	873.20*	+ 6.30	2.11
(Accum Units)	938.10	992.00	+ 7.10	2.11
Charifund	690.10	697.00*	+ 0.10	5.38
(Accum Units)	£31.31	£31.62	+ 0.50	5.38
Commodity	394.90	417.60*	- 7.20	0.36
(Accum Units)	579.00	612.30	-10.50	0.36
Compound Grth	933.10	986.70	- 0.10	2.59
(Accum Units)	965.70	£10.21	- 0.10	2.59
Dividend	40.20	42.50	+ 0.20	4.16
(Accum Units)	165.00	174.60	+ 0.90	4.16
Equity Income	350.60	370.80*	+ 2.30	4.66
(Accum Units)	446.20	471.90	+ 2.90	4.66
Euro & General	513.70	543.20*	- 7.80	0.84
(Accum Units)	648.60	685.80	- 9.90	0.84
Euro Dividend	71.10	75.20*	- 0.80	3.40
(Accum Units)	84.70	89.70	- 0.90	3.40
Extra Yield	419.30	443.40	- 0.90	4.48
(Accum Units)	£12.71	£13.45	+ 2.90	4.48
Far Eastern	380.40	402.30	- 1.10	0.43
(Accum Units)	502.60	531.50	- 1.40	0.43
Fund of Inv Tsts	615.80	651.20	+ 0.70	1.65
(Accum Units)	£11.41	£12.07	+ 1.30	1.65
General	60.30	63.80*	...	3.65
(Accum Units)	166.30	175.90	...	3.65
Gilt Income	57.70	57.80*	- 0.60	7.64
(Accum Units)	155.51	155.80	- 1.61	7.64
Gold	68.60	72.50*	- 0.40	0.76
(Accum Units)	81.00	85.60	- 0.40	0.76
High Income	28.50	30.10	...	4.43
(Accum Units)	112.00	118.60	+ 0.20	4.43
Intl Growth	79.10	83.70*	- 0.60	0.83
(Accum Units)	137.80	145.70	- 1.20	0.83
International Inc	101.70	107.50	- 1.10	4.30
(Accum Units)	146.90	155.40	- 1.50	4.30
Japan & Gen	54.10	57.20	- 0.20	...
(Accum Units)	58.10	61.40	- 0.20	...
Japan Smlr Cos	197.00	208.30	- 0.70	...
(Accum Units)	198.40	209.70	- 0.70	...
Managed Income	27.60	29.00*	...	3.89
Midland	65.60	69.40	+ 0.30	2.83
(Accum Units)	215.80	228.50	+ 1.00	2.83
Pension Ex	938.90	962.40	+ 2.30	3.96
Recovery	42.60	45.00*	+ 0.50	2.25
(Accum Units)	69.30	73.20	+ 0.90	2.25
Second General	71.50	75.60*	+ 0.70	3.31
(Accum Units)	182.40	192.90	+ 1.90	3.31
Smaller Cos	69.20	73.20*	+ 0.80	2.76
(Accum Units)	135.90	143.80	+ 1.60	2.76
Treasury	25.00	25.06*	+ 0.02	4.74
Trustee	42.40	44.80	+ 0.20	4.10
(Accum Units)	167.10	176.80	+ 0.90	4.10
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	81.01	86.18	- 2.55	0.58
High Income	285.50	303.70	+ 1.00	4.44
Intl Bond	61.78	65.00	- 0.80	5.99
Intl Equity Growth	71.13	75.66	- 1.13	0.35
N Amer Growth	92.08	98.02	- 0.64	0.87
Special Sits Growth	21.52	22.89	- 0.14	1.68
UK Growth	370.00	393.60	- 0.60	2.61
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD 46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	£12.88	£13.08	- 1.00	2.30
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	140.10	144.00	+ 4.70	4.21
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	190.20	203.40	- 1.80	2.32
Gilt & Fxd Int	165.10	173.90	- 2.40	6.94
Intl Growth	215.20	229.10	- 0.60	0.20
North American	174.87	186.50	- 0.20	0.41
Far East	283.90	303.60	- 2.40	0.92
UK Smaller Cos	169.90	181.70	+ 1.60	1.69
European	82.36	87.75	- 1.42	0.23
Japanese Growth	54.09	57.53	- 0.20	..
High Income	185.80	198.70	- 0.60	4.39
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	148.40	157.80*	- 1.60	2.05
-do- Accum	169.00	179.70*	- 1.80	2.05
UK Sel Pfolio	127.10	135.20	- 1.10	2.39
-do- Accum	146.10	155.40	- 1.20	2.39
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	64.52	68.64	- 0.43	3.89
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	72.76	77.24	- 0.48	4.16
European	81.86	86.90	- 1.40	0.40
Income & Growth	72.36	76.82*	- 0.25	3.03
Nth American	57.60	61.15	- 0.31	0.35
Far East	181.80	193.00	- 1.10	...
Japan	64.38	68.34	- 0.23	...
Emrging Mkts	115.80	123.90	- 0.20	...
Intl Growth	112.90	119.80	- 0.60	0.27
UK Growth	88.80	94.27	+ 2.20	0.78
UK Smlr Co	46.45	49.31	+ 0.35	0.53
Asian Opps Fd	42.02	44.94	- 0.14	0.15
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	409.36	435.49	- 3.25	3.91
Global Inc	66.14	70.36	- 0.53	2.58
Brit Leaders	333.06	354.32	- 5.27	2.56
Intl Leaders	197.57	210.19	- 2.04	0.92
PAM Mg Bal Grth	64.37	66.88	+ 0.13	0.67
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	194.10	206.50	- 1.50	.
(Accum Units)	207.50	220.70	- 1.50	...
American Opps	86.82	92.61	- 1.21	...
British Blue Chip	78.74	83.71	- 0.51	3.01
(Accum Units)	95.31	101.30	- 0.60	3.01
Cash	100.30	100.30*	+ 0.10	4.80
(Accum Units)*	135.30	135.30*	+ 0.10	4.80
Emerging Mkts	125.00	134.40	...	
European Growth	247.90	263.10*	- 2.60	0.61
(Accum Units)	267.50	284.00*	- 2.70	0.61
European Income	83.17	88.02*	- 0.99	2.77
(Accum Units)	110.80	117.10*	- 1.40	2.77
General	507.70	541.50	+ 3.50	2.26
(Accum Units)	972.70	1036	- 6.00	2.26
Global Bond	120.30	126.50	- 1.40	6.29
(Accum Units)	141.60	148.80	- 1.80	6.29
Gold & General	208.00	222.70*	+ 3.60	0.42
(Accum Units)	213.50	229.60*	+ 3.70	0.42
Govt Securities	86.93	89.66	- 1.24	7.93
(Accum Units)	165.10	170.30	- 2.40	7.93
Income	149.60	159.00	- 0.40	4.36
Inc Portfolio	...	...		
(Accum Units)	230.10	244.70	- 0.70	4.36
International	468.60	498.30	+ 1.80	0.56
(Accum Units)	624.90	664.60	+ 2.40	0.56
Japan	215.20	228.00	- 1.60	...
(Accum Units)	220.90	234.10	- 1.60	...
New Europe	179.50	191.50	- 0.10	1.36
(Accum Units)	183.60	195.80	- 0.10	1.36
Pacific	128.60	137.40*	- 0.40	0.61
(Accum Units)	138.00	147.20*	- 0.40	0.61
Recovery	316.50	337.60	+ 1.00	2.66
(Accum Units)	402.40	429.20	+ 1.30	2.66
UK Smaller Cos	57.94	61.80	+ 0.36	1.76
(Accum Units)	65.14	69.48	+ 0.40	1.76
Portfolio	80.35	85.42	- 0.50	2.65
(Accum Units)	91.47	97.37	- 0.57	2.65
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	115.34	122.70	- 1.20	0.88
Portfolio	67.57	71.88	- 0.48	0.07
UK Income Inc	76.24	81.11	- 0.10	4.62
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	11.85	12.60	+ 0.03	. .
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	306.50	325.90	+ 1.90	..
European Gth Inc	401.50	429.00	- 7.20	0.29
Intl Gwth	197.10	210.20	- 1.50	...
UK Equity Inc	178.60	190.40	+ 0.30	2.97
UK Ind Trckr Inc	155.90	166.70*	- 0.60	2.70
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	190.00	201.40	- 1.20	1.40
Japan Tracker	84.71	89.75	+ 0.61	
Asian Trader	220.00	237.40	- 1.10	0.25
Managed Inc	152.20	163.60	- 0.10	1.52
Deposit Inc	99.75	99.75*	+ 0.57	4.14
Europa	182.40	196.30*	- 1.50	0.26
Genesis	154.90	169.20	+ 3.00	2.25
High Income	21.96	23.31	- 0.03	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	93.79	96.98	- 0.27	2.19
Acumen Inc	89.76	91.86	- 0.73	2.19
Acumen Reserve	79.43	80.23*	- 0.77	7.64
-do- Inc	70.38	71.08*	- 0.69	7.64
Americas Growth	164.90	169.80*	- 1.60	0.74
Cash Income	49.55	49.55*	+ 0.03	4.25
Equity Income	95.66	98.11	- 0.59	4.32
European	72.75	74.24	- 1.71	0.41
Smaller Cos	78.95	82.74	+ 1.62	1.04
Olympiad	68.99	70.71*	- 0.63	..
Global Bond	43.61	44.12*	- 0.49	7.18
UK Growth	91.17	93.63	- 0.54	1.78
Pacific Growth	111.60	115.10*	- 0.70	..
Japan Growth	106.30	107.90*	+ 0.10	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	119.14	126.74*	- 0.40	2.84
For NM Funds see Friends Provident				
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	72.11	76.72*	- 0.30	2.17
UK Income	107.70	114.60	+ 0.80	3.74
Gilt & Fixed Int	68.92	72.94	- 0.81	6.22
Higher Income	218.40	232.40*	- 1.30	4.66
Smaller Cos	82.38	87.64	+ 0.39	1.80
International	95.53	101.63	- 1.35	1.79
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	102.40	109.50	- 0.70	...
European Dist	111.50	119.20	- 1.60	...
Far East Dist	199.90	213.80*	- 0.30	...
Global Care Dist	67.69	72.40	+ 0.49	2.06
Oseas Dist	£10.64	£11.38	- 3.60	0.09
UK Dist	337.50	361.00	- 3.70	2.55
UK Extra Inc Dist	75.80	81.07*	- 0.42	3.68
Wwide Dist	107.70	115.10	- 0.60	...
Wwide Inc Dist	70.73	75.65	- 0.48	1.96
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	62.95	66.44	- 2.06	0.48
Fund of Funds Inc	58.56	61.81*	- 0.33	0.84
North America Inc	46.89	49.49	- 0.12	0.53
UK Equity Grth Inc	59.02	62.29	- 0.12	2.01
UK General Inc	57.47	60.65	- 0.24	2.47
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	45.35	47.75*	- 0.48	7.35
UK Income Inc	57.51	60.70*	- 0.21	2.97
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000 Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	225.28	239.67*	- 1.10	3.73
Global	346.66	368.79	- 0.46	1.03
General	187.90	199.90*	- 1.05	2.16
Bond	116.39	123.58	- 2.63	7.09
Growth	123.61	131.50	- 0.74	2.62
Intrepid	121.56	126.63	+ 3.03	1.70
Bridge Fund	86.67	92.21	...	...
Distributor	90.24	96.00	- 0.71	3.92
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	123.47	131.33	- 0.85	1.79
UK Equity	138.66	147.91	- 1.32	2.86
UK Equity Income	132.20	140.64	- 0.77	3.10
UK Smaller Cos	118.70	126.28*	+ 0.67	1.55
UK Equity Growth	128.54	136.75	- 0.56	2.21
UK Index Trckg	139.60	148.51	+ 0.10	3.40
Intl Index Trckg	145.68	154.98	- 1.07	1.04
International	237.59	252.75	- 2.11	0.37
European	193.68	206.04*	- 4.83	0.24
Pan European	131.38	139.77	- 3.00	1.30
Nth American	157.82	167.89	- 0.87	0.59
N Amer Smllr Cos	176.20	187.45*	- 0.25	...
Japanese	108.62	115.55*	+ 0.33	...
Pacific	251.33	267.37	- 0.42	0.05
South East Asian	272.12	289.49	- 0.23	0.26
Intl Bond	126.00	133.96*	- 2.24	4.80
Gilt & Convertible	99.86	106.16*	- 1.27	6.83
Property	87.01	92.56	- 0.14	4.88
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	237.70	252.90	- 0.40	2.40
Growth	152.60	160.60	- 1.00	2.51
Income	238.80	254.00	- 0.90	3.57
Intl Equity	255.40	271.70	- 2.20	0.71
UK Income	65.49	69.66*	- 0.14	3.23
UK Intl 25	78.84	83.87	- 0.40	1.81
New Europe	80.53	85.67	- 1.59	0.11
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	611.58	654.10	- 0.48	0.45
Income	330.40	353.37	- 1.47	3.39
Wwide Recovery	388.28	415.28	- 0.29	0.23
Amer Growth Inc	212.67	227.46	+ 1.97	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	250.09	267.48	- 0.46	0.13
Far East Grth Inc	310.89	332.51	+ 1.99	0.14
Euro Gwth Inc	144.49	154.54	- 1.82	0.66
UK Growth Inc	84.19	90.05	- 0.19	2.74
High Income	90.66	96.97*	- 0.60	4.21
Jap Gwth Inc	260.30	277.12	+ 0.42	0.01
PEP Growth	119.90	128.24	- 0.45	0.81
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	132.49	141.71	- 0.23	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	123.20	131.77	+ 1.05	0.01
Global Bond	54.23	57.14	- 1.26	5.73
UK Smaller Cos Inc	79.36	84.88*	+ 0.58	1.20
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ 091 201 3927				
American	99.45	105.80	+ 1.02	...
European	71.44	76.00	- 1.17	...
Global	68.53	72.90	+ 0.15	...
Pacific	69.62	74.06	+ 0.83	...
UK Inc & Grth	65.19	69.38	- 0.51	2.00
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BRI Director Dlgs	101.16	107.71	- 1.19	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	160.30	168.63*	+ 2.05	0.63
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	58.06	61.54	+ 0.05	2.45
Growth Income	63.34	67.14	+ 0.04	1.72
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	129.68	137.96*	- 0.30	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	92.36	98.30*	- 0.38	3.45
Cons & Gilt	117.30	124.70	- 0.30	5.86
European Income	76.14	81.00	- 1.39	2.72
Extra Income	150.60	160.30	- 3.00	3.90
Far East	430.80	458.30	- 0.60	0.25
Global Income	28.99	27.65*	- 0.25	4.43
High Income	117.40	124.90	- 0.50	3.97
International	216.80	230.60	- 0.90	0.51
Pref & Fxd Int	41.10	43.72*	- 1.02	7.45
Recovery	78.45	81.33	- 0.31	2.55
Special Sits	106.40	113.20	- 0.80	1.23
Technology	306.50	326.10	-11.00	..
UK Blue Chip	68.97	73.38	- 0.96	2.81
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	52.08	55.40	- 0.60	2.15
International	92.18	98.06	- 1.05	0.37
Gilt	23.19	23.91*	- 1.08	6.84
Income & Gwth	70.17	74.65*	- 0.95	5.36
European	52.25	55.58	- 2.40	0.42
American	51.91	55.22*	+ 0.05	...
Emerging Mkts	91.04	96.85*	- 0.49	0.05
UK Smaller Cos	29.79	31.69	- 0.02	2.21
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.87	26.46	- 0.39	6.88
Global PEP	40.24	42.81	- 0.64	1.15
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	267.40	289.10	- 6.90	0.77
Japan Inc	122.00	130.30	- 0.10	...
Nth American Inc	106.90	113.40*	- 0.10	0.12
Worldwide Inc	169.00	181.70	- 1.70	0.70
Hong Kong Inc	148.20	159.20*	- 3.10	0.20
Swiss Equities Inc	66.41	71.36	+ 0.02	0.36
Wwide Bond Inc	59.18	62.59	- 0.95	5.56
Emging Asia Inc	218.30	237.00	- 1.70	0.42
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.08	50.08*	+ 0.04	4.93
Thailand Inc	163.90	176.60	- 1.70	0.74
Gold Trust Inc	78.53	84.57*	- 0.73	0.15
New Zealand Inc	86.82	93.37	- 2.72	1.17
Int Mngd PEP Inc	66.21	71.24	- 0.57	1.70
Latin Am Cap Inc	88.46	95.93	+ 1.36	0.03
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	57.43	61.61	- 0.50	2.18
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	81.78	87.46	+ 0.57	1.44
Global Portfolio	73.50	78.61	+ 0.34	..
Global Opps	75.36	80.60	+ 0.21	0.43
Marsh Global Grth	70.43	74.69	- 0.42	1.40
AAM Global Equity	56.91	60.54	- 0.18	0.76
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	87.74	94.27	- 0.22	0.95
CAM Intl Recvy Inc	...	...		
Temple Equity Inc	45.93	50.10*	+ 0.25	2.86
Hartley Growth	77.28	82.21	+ 1.25	0.56
Intl Growth Inc	84.86	90.76	+ 0.10	1.46
IPS Portfolio Inc	88.99	95.18	+ 0.25	0.21
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	47.20	48.65	- 0.03	2.65
Premier Perfms Inc	68.25	72.99*	+ 0.14	0.92
Roxburgh Strat Gth	74.33	79.50	+ 0.26	0.34
Tech Analysts	102.10	108.60	- 1.10	0.31
Rosebery Growth	46.74	50.75	+ 0.40	...
International Strat	79.32	84.43	+ 0.01	..
UFC Ind-Acr Grth	55.89	60.02	+ 0.08	..
Coverdale Topour	52.51	56.80	+ 0.03	..
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40	...	
Lowes Intl Growth	47.72	50.23*	- 0.29	1.16
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3963				
Equity Gth	171.30	182.20	+ 0.20	1.59
European Gth	99.81	105.50	- 0.30	0.15
Income & Gth	134.50	143.10	+ 0.20	2.81
Japan Gth	134.20	142.10	+ 0.30	..
Nth Amer Gth	111.60	118.70	- 2.00	0.16
Overseas Gth	91.02	96.77	- 0.65	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Priceback: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	37.00	39.57	- 0.52	1.48
Cash Haven Inc	100.84	101.33*	- 0.69	3.80
Cash Haven Acc	109.55	110.09*	+ 0.07	3.80
Dist Trust Inc	94.12	100.66*	- 0.84	4.34
Dist Trust Acc	95.10	101.71*	- 0.85	4.34
Global Growth	88.59	94.74*	- 0.74	1.10
Equity Inc	82.41	88.13*	- 0.22	3.59
Equity	710.04	759.40	- 6.33	2.77
European	210.25	224.84	- 5.69	0.74
High Income	87.56	93.63	- 0.03	4.85
Intl Grth	181.90	194.54*	- 2.16	0.84
Intl Sm Co	79.99	85.55	- 0.56	0.31
Japanese	242.06	258.88	+ 0.76	...
Nth Amer	159.89	170.70	- 0.50	1.77
Pacific Mkts	106.84	114.26*	- 1.02	0.73
Premier Inc	45.85	47.73*	- 0.52	4.89
Sm Cos	89.76	96.00	- 0.64	1.46
Spec Sits	107.41	114.87*	- 0.43	2.41
UK Growth	118.16	126.37*	- 2.46	2.57
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	303.30	321.70	- 0.80	3.19
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2525				
Managed	97.55	103.50	+ 0.90	2.02
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	497.27	529.78*	- 2.98	0.51
FA America (Acc)	582.61	620.69	- 3.49	0.51
FA UK Equity Inc	154.97	165.20	- 0.73	3.49
FA Japan	297.20	316.51	- 0.66	...
FA Major UK Cos	93.45	99.45*	- 0.67	2.36
FA Smllr UK Cos	295.79	321.62	+ 1.60	0.90
FA European	321.88	342.29	- 0.01	0.47
FA Amer Smllr Cos	43.03	46.18	- 0.23	..
FA Asia	50.90	54.75	- 0.39	..
FA Jap Smllr Cos	61.56	65.90	+ 0.03	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	92.08	97.87	- 0.64	...
UK Smllr Cos	84.23	88.77	+ 0.43	...
UK Income	91.04	95.82	- 0.42	..
America	99.98	105.23	- 0.59	...
Japanese	65.28	68.71	- 0.14	...
European	102.96	108.37	...	...
Gilt	82.42	86.75	- 0.50	...
Deposit	81.29	85.57	+ 0.09	...
Managed	97.32	102.43	- 0.71	..
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	90.60	95.36	- 0.63	...
UK Smaller Cos	82.50	86.83	+ 0.42	...
UK Income	88.89	93.56	- 0.42	..
America	97.43	102.55	- 0.58	...
Japanese	63.64	66.98	- 0.14	...
European	100.39	105.67	- 0.01	...
Gilt	81.30	85.57	- 0.62	...
Deposit	77.53	81.61	+ 0.08	...
Managed	92.38	97.24	- 0.49	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE1 0UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 600				
United States	73.39	78.38	- 0.24	0.11
Pacific Basin	89.43	96.02	- 0.07	...
High Inc Dist	126.80	135.60	- 0.30	4.91
Ryl Life Int Cntry	58.24	61.90	- 0.51	3.83
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	69.71	74.42*	- 0.46	0.32
Ryl Life Intl Spec	66.16	70.37	- 0.36	...
UK Emerging Cos	125.80	135.90	+ 1.40	1.13
UK Index Trckg	163.60	174.30	+ 0.80	3.18
European	130.50	140.00	- 1.50	0.27
Managed	146.70	157.70	- 0.20	0.81
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester C01 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	142.20	150.50*	...	0.34
European Growth	113.80	120.30*	- 1.90	0.64
Far East Growth	138.90	147.80*	+ 1.30	0.23
Japan Growth	155.10	164.90	- 1.00	...
Special Sits	193.30	205.60	+ 1.90	1.29
UK Growth	75.93	80.77	- 0.10	2.25
Triton General	244.40	260.00	+ 0.10	0.61
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	182.60	193.20	+ 1.00	0.28
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	337.40	357.00	- 8.40	0.17
Growth Inc	130.60	138.20	- 4.30	0.41
International Inc	335.10	354.60	-10.10	0.14
Nth Am & Intl Inc	311.30	329.40	- 5.20	0.18
UK Gen Prog Inc	212.50	224.90	- 1.00	1.25
UK High Inc Inc	134.20	142.00	+ 0.30	3.81
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	63.45	67.50	- 0.13	...
Amer Smllr Cos	78.45	83.45	- 0.72	...
Asian Gwth	118.55	126.11	- 0.35	0.75
European Gwth	70.04	74.51	- 0.83	1.00
Global Bd	57.98	61.29	- 0.61	5.00
Global Eq	68.45	72.81	- 0.11	0.50
Japanese Eq	63.54	67.59	- 0.12	...
Japan Sm Cos	75.10	79.87	+ 0.15	...
UK Gen	53.33	56.73	- 0.05	2.80
UK Gwth	58.19	61.90	- 0.01	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	66.84	71.11	- 0.99	4.21
Amer Smllr Cos	102.30	108.80	- 0.60	...
Asian Smaller Cos	51.98	55.30	+ 0.23	...
Capital Portfolio	127.70	135.80	- 0.30	2.25
Capital	165.10	175.60	- 0.90	0.41
Cash	123.90	123.90	+ 0.10	4.49
China Dragon	65.60	69.79	- 0.99	0.36
Commodity	134.20	142.80	- 2.60	0.51
Eastern Discovery	111.20	118.30	- 1.30	...
Energy Inds	131.90	140.30	- 1.70	0.36
European Gwth	193.60	206.00	- 1.60	0.08
Euro Inc & Gwth	77.97	82.95*	- 1.04	1.95
Euro Smllr Cos	54.44	57.92	- 0.17	...
Financial Secs	197.10	209.70	+ 1.50	0.58
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	48.30	50.39*	- 0.37	8.89
Gold & Exploration	85.58	91.04	- 1.05	...
High Return	227.20	241.70*	+ 0.90	4.21
High Yield	228.90	243.50	+ 2.40	3.85
Income	119.00	126.60*	+ 0.40	4.28
Intl Bond	161.10	170.30	- 1.80	5.68
ITU	211.00	224.50	+ 0.80	0.60
Japan Growth	199.80	212.60	+ 2.70	...
Japan Smaller	234.00	248.90	+ 5.80	...
Korea	76.72	81.62	+ 1.04	...
Masterfund	57.68	61.36	+ 0.26	0.54
Scotbits	296.20	315.10*	+ 4.00	0.75
Scotshares	285.90	304.10	- 0.90	2.38
Scotyields	243.90	259.50	- 0.20	3.64
Select Intl	148.40	157.90	- 1.20	0.43
Smaller Cos Inc	258.30	274.80	+ 2.20	3.30
SE Asia	612.50	651.60	+ 4.40	...
Special Situation	122.80	130.60	- 0.80	1.49
UK Equity	241.20	256.60*	+ 0.60	2.63
UK Growth	62.92	66.94	- 0.27	1.56
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	48.30	51.38	+ 0.31	0.68
US Growth	141.30	150.30	- 0.90	0.42
Univ Growth	146.70	156.10	- 1.30	0.68
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	241.17	256.46	+ 0.55	0.78
European Gwth	74.55	79.41	- 2.04	0.87
Euro Smllr Cos	77.14	82.28	- 0.94	0.39
Far Eastern Gth	102.96	109.82*	- 0.02	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.11	51.77	- 0.71	7.43
Global Bond	48.74	50.37*	- 0.88	6.37
Global Emer Mkts	59.15	63.00	- 1.00	...
Income	350.84	374.22	- 4.12	3.63
Japan Smllr Cos	571.95	610.07*	- 2.78	...
Japan Enterprise	78.53	83.76	+ 0.16	...
Pacific Gwth	140.68	150.27*	+ 1.04	0.01
Seoul	53.36	57.37	- 0.12	...
Smaller Cos	211.60	225.70	+ 1.84	0.75
Tokyo	135.58	144.61	- 0.18	...
UK Enterprise	247.21	263.69*	- 4.23	2.32
UK Equity	235.77	251.48*	- 1.85	2.39
US Smllr Cos	149.68	159.65	- 1.70	...
World Fd	79.80	85.11*	- 0.71	1.73
Institutional Funds				
European	233.07	242.73*	- 5.68	1.24
Euro Smllr Cos	30.49	31.76	+ 0.05	1.60
Global Equity Inc	78.84	82.12	- 0.62	0.67
Japan Smllr Cos	45.10	46.97*	+ 0.15	...
Mngd Balanced	180.01	193.76	- 0.47	2.57
Overseas Equity	193.12	201.16*	- 2.08	0.75
Oseas Smllr Cos	132.15	137.65	+ 0.45	0.30
Pacific	261.86	272.77	- 1.19	1.00
Recovery	£18.96	£19.75*	- 6.11	2.64
UK Index	152.81	159.17	- 0.32	3.17
UK Small Cos	117.24	122.12	+ 1.32	2.48
US Smllr Cos	43.03	44.82	+ 0.53	0.33
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.21	52.44	+ 2.51	2.97
Equity Trust	55.72	57.98	+ 0.62	3.52
Equity Strategy	69.62	73.08	- 0.72	1.34
European Opps	94.40	97.21	- 1.04	0.61
UK Smaller Cos	63.28	67.36	+ 0.13	1.01
Maximum Inc	93.93	100.36	- 0.06	5.44
Japanese	[illegible]	98.46	+ 0.19	..
Asia Pacific	132.77	141.40	- 1.17	0.59
American	97.77	104.34	- 1.77	0.46
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.46	30.56	+ 0.02	4.58
UK General Inc	50.76	54.13	- 0.14	2.72
Intl Income	290.10	309.92	- 2.60	1.01
European	79.92	84.96	- 2.62	1.47
Japan	76.68	81.15	- 0.72	0.04
American	64.18	68.13	- 0.33	2.02
Far East	95.05	101.36*	- 0.42	0.76
Ethical Inc	30.65	32.79	+ 0.23	2.12
UK Blue Chip Inc	32.90	35.13	- 0.13	2.73
High Inc Inc	36.54	38.67	- 0.05	3.54
UK Global Inc	41.19	43.92	- 0.16	1.47
Wwide Tst	29.43	31.31	- 0.02	0.71
Europe 2000 Tst	54.10	57.57	- 0.71	1.33
Technology	101.12	107.79	+ 0.64	0.93
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	274.00	290.70	- 3.50	2.91
American	252.30	268.10	- 0.20	0.41
Pacific	419.50	448.70	- 3.50	0.36
European	539.40	573.70	-12.30	1.14
Worldwide	89.96	96.21	- 0.91	0.63
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	272.30	290.70	+ 1.90	2.16
UK Smlr Co Eq Inc	197.50	210.20	+ 1.30	1.55
Select Opprtnty Inc	66.88	71.54	+ 0.47	2.19
Income Plus Inc	73.82	78.54	- 0.66	3.63
European Inc	355.80	379.60	- 0.60	1.07
Far Eastern Inc	187.90	199.90	+ 1.10	0.71
Japanese Inc	69.96	74.43	+ 0.09	..
Nth American Inc	239.10	253.40	- 0.40	0.58
Intl Growth Inc	208.40	221.80	- 0.50	0.71
Wwide Venture Inc	82.06	87.28	+ 0.75	0.69
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 668 3724				
Equity Inc	368.50	393.00	+ 0.70	2.74
UK High Inc	188.80	201.30	+ 1.10	3.56
Europe Inc	356.80	380.50	- 2.40	0.63
Nth Amer Inc	208.30	222.10	- 1.40	0.30
Global Inc	214.30	228.60	- 0.30	0.35
UK Spec Sits Inc	101.90	108.60	+ 0.60	2.93
South East Asia	246.70	263.10	+ 2.10	0.45
Cash Trust Inc	100.70	100.70	+ 0.10	4.47
UK Smlr Cos Inc	105.70	112.80	- 1.00	1.88
Intl Bond Inc	88.53	93.90	- 2.06	6.31
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	149.90	157.50*	- 5.20	4.23
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	125.10	131.70*	- 2.30	0.90
Nth American	98.23	103.40*	- 1.00	0.44
Intl Bond & Conv	124.60	131.20	- 0.40	4.73
Pooled Pension (C)	182.70	201.80	+ 1.00	2.07
Smaller Cos	71.73	75.50	+ 0.45	1.35
UK General	128.00	134.70	+ 1.50	2.00
For Sheppards see Mayflower				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund	91.95	..	- 0.23	
Aztec	109.00	..	+ 0.30	..
European	124.60	..	+ 1.80	..
Global Bond	94.39	..	+ 2.13	7.86
Samurai	105.30	..	- 0.50	..
UK Growth	105.90	..	- 0.30	.21
Tai Pan	106.90	..	+ 0.30	..
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	273.70	289.60	- 0.20	0.41
Canadian	74.95	79.31	+ 0.60	0.28
Capital	129.60	139.21	- 0.30	1.10
Cash	101.37	101.37	+ 0.07	4.71
European	135.30	143.20	- 2.60	0.04
Far Eastern	182.00	192.60	- 0.30	..
Growth	139.60	147.70	- 0.60	1.05
Income	132.50	140.30	+ 0.60	4.66
Magnum	139.50	148.80	- 0.50	1.11
Smllr Secs	380.51	402.60	+ 3.10	0.02
Thoroughbred	161.30	173.40*	- 0.40	1.01
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	50.00	50.50	+ 0.04	4.0
Contflc Primrose	55.69	59.44	- 0.23	6.0
Ethical	55.09	58.61	+ 0.27	3.00
European Growth	73.79	78.71*	- 2.16	2.40
Income	55.32	58.89	- 0.31	6.00
Intl Growth	99.46	106.60	- 2.30	2.60
Managed	81.87	87.33*	- 1.44	3.40
UK Growth	60.96	65.02*	- 0.37	3.40
STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	50.93	54.12	- 0.14	1.45
UK Equity Gth Acc	67.69	71.93	+ 0.22	1.35
-do- High Inc Inc	37.27	39.60	+ 0.09	3.59
-do- High Inc Acc	45.20	48.03	+ 0.12	3.59
UK Equity Gen Acc	61.44	65.29	+ 0.04	2.18
UK Equity Gen Inc	45.99	48.87	+ 0.03	2.18
UK Lrgr Co Acc	427.80	464.20	+ 0.30	3.39
UK Lrgr Co Inc	322.10	349.50	+ 0.10	3.39
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.72	31.43	- 0.37	6.41
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	320.70	348.00	- 0.90	1.15
Nth American Acc	43.59	46.32	+ 0.21	0.88
Far East Acc	73.95	78.58	- 0.09	0.04
European Acc	52.85	56.16	- 1.09	0.71
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7800				
Global A (Y£N)	3.869	4.105	+ 0.02	0.48
US Eqts (US$)	2.404	2.552	- 0.02	0.54
Far East Eqts (yen)	267.20	283.80	- 1.30	..
Japan Eqties (yen)	272.80	289.80	- 4.70	..
FT Europe	126.90	134.70	- 1.30	1.48
FT N Amer (US$)	1.755	1.862	+ 0.00	0.77
FT Japan (yen)	247.80	263.20	+ 1.60	...
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.593	2.755	+ 0.01	0.66
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	345.60	368.60	- 1.80	0.06
British	£10.31	£10.90	+ 0.40	3.33
Emging Mkts	169.30	180.30	+ 2.50	0.10
European	550.70	586.50	+ 3.20	0.90
Japan	175.60	186.40	- 0.70	...
New Pacific	405.70	433.00	- 0.20	0.07
Investment Tst	234.20	248.20	+ 0.40	1.32
Mngd Equity	175.00	185.10*	+ 0.20	1.37
Mngd Cash	95.75	95.75*	+ 0.06	4.30
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300, Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	817.30	874.10	- 6.50	2.99
North America	120.80	129.20	- 1.30	0.93
Far East	159.60	170.70	- 0.40	...
Wwide Bond	56.24	59.70	- 1.20	5.54
European	105.70	113.00	- 3.40	0.24
Equity Income	91.09	97.42	- 0.50	4.20
Portfolio	85.66	91.64	- 0.96	0.98
UK Leading Cos	58.52	62.25	- 0.81	1.51
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	70.81	75.73*	+ 0.36	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	34.00	36.37	- 0.34	0.44
Managed Assets	126.15	134.93*	- 1.00	2.86
UK Income	39.98	42.76	+ 0.05	3.41
UK Growth	39.15	41.88	- 0.06	2.68
Worldwide Growth	36.19	38.71	- 0.29	0.53
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD 101, Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Discretionary	51.21	54.48	- 0.06	0.15
Cap Protector Inc	42.53	45.49	- 0.22	2.94
UK Income Inc	50.84	54.37*	- 0.23	3.44
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.51	34.77*	- 0.07	3.88
Mngd High Yld Inc	79.07	84.57*	- 0.38	4.35
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	75.08	80.30	- 0.33	3.31
Mngd Wwide Gth	37.93	40.57	- 0.03	...
UK Smaller Cos	35.18	37.63	- 0.09	1.58
Pacific Grth Port	49.66	53.11	- 0.13	...
TSB UNIT TRUSTS Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	199.65	212.40*	- 1.80	...
Brit Growth	95.57	101.67	- 0.80	2.01
European	112.07	119.23*	- 3.96	0.02
Extra Income	197.24	209.83	- 3.52	4.07
Smaller Cos	73.62	78.32	+ 0.68	1.26
General	279.59	297.43*	- 7.75	2.39
Premier Income	48.51	50.54*	- 1.47	6.39
Income	337.79	359.36	- 5.71	3.68
Pacific	455.82	484.92	+ 0.71	...
International	361.78	397.64	- 5.71	0.12
Nat Resources	173.83	184.92	- 4.22	0.03
Spcl Opps	106.52	113.32	- 2.42	1.23
Environmental Inv	63.87	67.94	+ 0.09	2.03
Selector	64.58	68.70	- 0.27	2.13
High Income	63.52	67.57*	- 1.14	4.49
Intl Income	57.41	61.08	- 1.51	4.86
Selector Income	61.37	65.28	+ 0.41	4.37
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 667 1818				
British	327.80	345.00	- 1.40	2.81
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	202.11	216.16*	- 3.72	1.57
Glob Balncd Inc	172.13	184.09	- 3.30	2.95
Value Tst Inc	123.11	131.67	- 1.12	1.38
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Smllr Cos	62.13	66.27	+ 0.38	...
Dresdner Bor Bd	39.83	41.88	- 1.21	6.20
European Growth	274.92	292.16	- 9.04	0.90
Exempt	522.30	545.73*	- 1.78	3.50
Global Em Mkts	108.94	116.20	- 0.56	0.60
Iberian Growth	46.93	50.05	- 1.98	...
Japan Tst	93.97	100.03	+ 0.34	...
Little Dragons	97.93	104.45	- 0.41	..
Nth Amer Gwth	217.47	231.69*	- 0.07	0.70
Oriental Income	50.37	53.72	- 0.46	4.60
Preference	120.14	128.49	+ 0.26	8.50
Tiger	296.16	315.90	+ 0.01	...
UK Blue Chip	61.32	65.41	- 0.80	3.00
UK Growth	508.39	543.73*	- 2.21	2.20
UK High Yield	104.72	112.00*	+ 0.03	3.40
UK Mid-Cap	263.72	282.05	+ 0.44	1.90
UK Smllr Cos	102.65	109.78	+ 0.31	1.10
UK Smllr Cos Div	98.96	105.19*	+ 0.99	4.60
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	30.61	33.56	- 0.05	...
Pacific Basin	43.54	46.31	- 0.40	...
Can Balncd Gwth	27.40	29.14	- 0.96	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.87	0.90	- 0.01	5.78
Penny Share	32.23	34.28	- 0.06	0.30
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0462				
Challenger	89.96	92.05	- 1.68	...
Short Dtd Gilt	107.00	108.40	- 1.00	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74	0.00	...
Gilt Income	48.47	50.30	- 0.73	7.25
Gilt Growth	66.36	69.06	+ 1.35	...
City Reserve	52.79	52.79	+ 0.03	4.30
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	78.62	83.83	- 0.99	2.85

Source: Finstat

* Yield ... Annual ... price ...

Losses reversed at close

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
323	381	Abbey Nat	399	+5	...	4.9	13.2
314	234	Allied Irish	287	-3	...	5.2	9.3
279½	170½	Aus New Z	195	-4	...	4.9	29.0
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	3075	-62½	...		
319	246	Bk of Ireland	267	-4	...	4.9	7.7
247	172½	Bank Scotland	186	-1	...	3.4	15.1
640	487	Barclays	547	-1½	...	3.9	16.6
37	13½	Carlisle	29½ †	+½	...	1.1	...
630½	449	Cater Allen	515 ‡	-2	...	6.8	...
180	130	Cattles	151	...	...	4.1	15.5
2628½	1543½	Chase Manh	2312½	-37½	...		
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2712½	-12½	...		
285½	209	Close Bros	239	-2	...	3.3	13.0
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£137½	+350½	...	8.1	...
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£293½	+321½	...	2.3	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	66 †	...	...	2.8	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1492	-4½	...	0.4	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	474	...	22.0	5.8	13.7
1113	660	HSBC	750	-5	...	3.9	11.0
1133	680	HSBC HK	772	-8	...	3.8	11.2
473	256	Hambros	311 †	+1	...	6.0	12.7
443	400	Joseph (L)	405 †	...	...	5.4	11.8
170	132	King Shaxson	132	...	...	8.5	13.0
693	426	Kleinwort Ben	519	-4	...	4.7	9.0
660	519	Lloyds	545 †	-2	...	5.3	10.7
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	113	...	...	3.9	17.2
620½	499½	Nat Aust Bk	528	-13	...	5.4	11.0
622	421	Nat West	450 †	+1	...	5.4	8.4
573	415	Provident	513	...	...	3.9	16.3
79	53	Rea Bros	63	...	...	1.5	16.2
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	395	+5	...	3.8	17.9
1460	1050	Schroders	1315	...	...	1.6	12.0
399½	223	Stand Chart	247	...	...	3.3	10.7
291	197	TSB	210½	+½	...	4.9	10.4
199	108	Union	108	-6	...	5.3	9.8
1012	676	Warburg SG	745	-4	...	3.7	9.0
£105	86½	Wells Fargo	£102 †	-12½	...	2.6	...
260	194	Westpac	214	-6	...	2.5	∞
390	293	Wintrust	293	...	...	4.5	∞

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied-Lyons	590½	+3½	...	4.7	14.4
619	485	Bass	568	+7	...	4.6	14.9
298	250	Boddington	267	-2	...	3.8	14.9
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	389 †	...	...	3.5	22.4
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	182 †	...	...	3.4	15.2
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'▲	149	...	...	3.1	20.7
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	55	...	...	5.2	63.7
493	417	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	419 †	...	...	2.3	17.3
506	375	Grand Met	434 †	+5	...	3.8	18.8
511	399	Greenalls Grp	435	-1	...	3.6	16.7
584	452	Greene King	497 †	-1	...	3.2	13.8
542	428	Guinness	455	+8	...	3.5	14.7
261	239	Hardy Hansn	254	...	...	4.4	13.0
160	136	Heavitree▲	150	...	...	3.4	13.5
457	353	Highland Distl	419	-3	...	2.0	19.9
3805	3125	Hok J	3600	...	...	1.7	20.3
175	127	Macallan-Glen	175	+6	...	0.8	48.3
628	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	628	+13	...	1.9	25.8
246	195	Mansfield	228 †	...	...	2.4	∞
302	256	Mrston Thmp	282	...	...	2.6	14.6
626	544	Matthew Clark	626 †	...	...	3.6	∞
250	113	Mrrydwn W	121 †	...	...	2.6	...
545	463	Morland	498	...	...	2.5	16.7
10½	8½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.2	15.7
267	209	Regent Inns	244	...	...	2.0	24.8
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1253½	...	...	2.2	20.4
591	493	Scot & New	527 †	+8	...	4.0	15.6
190	142	Taunton Cider	174 †	...	...	4.7	13.3
306	229	Vaux Group	238	-2	...	5.0	15.3
403½	324½	Wetherspoon JD	391	-4	...	1.9	25.8
617	494	Whitbread	552	+8	...	4.3	16.0
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	532	+1	...	3.1	14.9
535	483	Young 'A'	503	...	...	3.7	19.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	160	...	...	1.6	∞
27	14	Albrighton	14 †	...	...	4.5	13.4
200	148	Allen▲	158	-2	...	4.2	18.7
164	99	Amec	117	...	...	3.2	56.3
454	333	Ashtead▲	414	...	...	1.7	∞
165	109	Attwoods	116	-2	...	5.4	...
363	274	BPB Ind	333 †	+4	...	3.0	22.5
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	137	...	...	2.9	25.9
47	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	34	...	...	2.6	20.8
88	18½	Barcom	23	...	...	9.5	2.8
60	38½	Bardon	43	...	...	5.8	...
282	188	Barratt Devs	192	-2	...	3.3	20.6
169	139	Beazer Homes	154½	-½	...	4.0	13.6
304	198	Bellway	217	-2	...	3.6	20.4
59	42	Bellwinch	42				
244	125	Berisford Intl	218	-2	...		
573	391	Berkeley Gp	420 †	-5	...	2.1	17.5
215	118	Bett Bros	175	...	...	2.0	8.7
93	60	Blockleys	70	...	...	1.8	...
391	262	Blue Circle	312	-3	...	4.5	26.3
355	277	Boot (Henry)	305	...	...	2.7	15.5
78	35	Brandon Hire	78	...	...	2.5	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	89	...	...	6.5	25.5
154	130	Br Dredging	140	...	...	5.0	17.9
98	78	Brit Fittings	87	...	2.0	2.9	∞
197½	140	Bryant	153	-3	...	3.9	23.3
149½	111½	CALA	123	...	...	2.6	...
409	321	CRH	371	-7	...	2.6	18.8
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	24	Costain	29	-1	...	...	...
185	143	Countryside	152 †	-2	...	3.4	33.7
120	85	Crest Nicholson	90	+2	...	2.2	16.6
140	100	Cussins	109	...	...	3.4	13.2
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	25	...	...	1.5	...
350	273	Erwin	305	+1	...	3.1	20.1
82	57	Erith	69	+1	...	1.8	38.8
473	363	Eve Group▲	363 †	-2	...	3.8	∞
60	36½	Galliford	36½	...	...	3.4	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	92	+3	2.5	3.4	...
1028	863	Gleeson (MJ)	863	...	...	1.8	15.1
218	182	Graham Grp	189	...	...	3.0	28.1
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	159	-1	...	2.3	23.5
82	63	Hewetson	75	...	...	2.1	...
473	334	Heywd Wms	366	-1	...	4.4	24.5
144	96	Higgs & Hill	96	-1	...	3.3	...
41	27	How Gp	39	...	...	2.4	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	28	...	...	3.7	∞
100	67	Ibstock	77	...	...	1.6	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...		
138	104	Keller	130	...	...	3.6	15.1
428	261	Laing (J)	299	-1	...	3.8	21.3
164	104	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	117	...	...	6.8	...
145	115	Ln Clydeside▲	127	...	...	4.7	17.6
173	76	Lovell (YJ)	78	...	...	...	...
405	332	Manders	348	+2	...	3.6	18.3
219½	138½	Marley	165	-1	...	3.2	27.0
155	126	Marshalls	143 †	-3	...	3.7	17.5
253	196	Maunders (J)	245	...	...	2.7	23.6
321	194	McAlpine (A)	205	-2	...	4.0	30.1
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	58	+1	...	1.1	...
569	384	Meyer Int	441 †	-6	...	3.1	18.6
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	97	...	...	2.6	...
202½	96	NSM	108	...	...	...	12.4
48	33	Needler▲	33	...	...	...	...
196	146	Newman Tnks	172	-1	...	4.5	23.1
379½	229	Persimmon	253	-4	...	4.4	22.7
20	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1550	...	20.0	2.4	22.0
198	131	Prowting	132	...	...	3.2	40.6
1079	805	RMC Gp	967	-4	...	2.7	27.3
116	68	Raine Ind	69	...	...	3.6	15.0
40	23	Ramus▲	25	...	...	...	...
640	466	Redland	536	-1	...	5.8	28.1
108	70	Roskel	95	...	4.3	3.7	...
185½	125	Rugby Group	143	-2	...	3.0	19.3
61	53	Secure Retire	55	-1	...	...	...
64	50	Swfid-Rvea	64	...	0.5	1.0	∞
196	155	Sharpe & Fisher	192	...	...	2.7	21.0
288	222	Sheffield Insl	262	-3	...	2.6	21.0
342	233	Sheriff Hldgs▲	342 †	...	...	1.6	22.8
157	94	Shorco▲	151	...	5.2	4.3	27.3
245	195	Smart (J)	215	+1	...	4.9	18.5
5	1½	Starmin	1½	...	...	...	...
206	135	Tarmac	152	-3	...	4.5	...
257	154	Tay Homes	163	+1	...	4.6	17.5
183	121	Taylor Woodrw	138½	-6½	...	1.4	33.8
760	598	Tilbury Dougls	599	-3	...	6.9	62.9
60	36	Torex Hire▲	56 †	+2	...	2.0	...
370	224	Travis Perkins	318	...	...	3.1	25.7
29½	16	Trencherwood	19	...	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	25	...	...	2.5	...
28	21	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.2	...
113	90	Vibroplant	103	...	...	4.5	∞
170	127½	Walnhomes	144	...	...	3.6	15.6
74	50	Ward Hldgs	72	...	...	0.9	...
63	35	Waterhouse	56	...	...	...	...
545	490	Watts Blake	515	+5	...	2.9	22.1
225½	154	Westbury	162	-2	...	4.1	18.1
7	3½	Wiggins	6	...	...	...	...
571	397	Wilson Bowdn	398	-2	...	2.9	15.0
259	185	Wilson (C)	212	-1	...	2.4	20.7
249	151	Wimpey G	159	-1	...	4.1	23.8
30	16	YRM	22	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	670	...	...	...	...
443	253	Adam & Harvey	428 †	+3	...	4.3	∞
83	58	Air London▲	63	...	...	6.9	13.8
62	44	African Lakes	53	+1	...	1.2	...
140	92½	Auto Sec	95	-1	...	...	12.3
162	101½	BET Ord	120	+2½	...	3.4	20.0
195	115	BNB Res	172	+2	...	3.6	20.1
255	175	BPP	225	...	...	5.0	16.2
186	151	BSM	152	...	...	4.8	12.9
235	198	Barbour Index	199	-1	...	5.5	∞
1½	1	Black & Edg▲	1½	...	...	...	...
226	161	Brit Data Mgt	179	-1	4.9	3.4	13.0
31	22	Broadcastle▲	27	...	...	4.6	12.9
79	58	Brooks Service	69	...	...	2.7	...
117½	95½	CRT Gp	96 †	-1	...	4.3	∞
238	158	Capita Group	167	-3	...	2.1	21.1
59	30	Casket Plc	34½	...	...	4.1	11.5
26½	7½	Chiltern Capital	26½	...	...	...	...
85	56	Christie	61	...	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	335 †	-1	...	2.3	20.6
61	41	Corp Services	57	-2	...	0.5	21.4
97	81	Coutts Cnslig	89	...	...	...	...
179	140	Darr	151 †	...	...	3.1	16.1
276	212	Davis Service	235	...	...	4.2	16.6
154	119	EW Facts▲	122	...	...	4.9	9.2
34	18½	Gardiner	19	+½	...	5.0	8.9
334	261	Hays	301	+3	...	2.3	23.2
289	220	Hogg Robinsn	248 †	...	...	3.6	17.3
39	18	Holmes Protectn	29	...	...	...	1.8
369½	240	Hntch Whamp	308½	+2½	...	1.8	21.7
2646½	2096½	ISS B DKr	2262½	-109½	...	4.6	2.4
609	426	Inchcape	480	+4	...	3.9	15.3
165	158	JBA Hldgs	158	...	...	3.9	16.1
414	284	Johnson Clean	294	-3	...	4.8	11.4
8	4	Lep	4½	...	...	...	...
375	283	Mitie Gp	338	...	...	1.7	∞
1606½	1156½	Manpower	1568½	-15½	...	0.8	...
86	65	Michael Page	86	+1	...	3.1	21.1
132	90	Parity	110	...	...	1.7	28.3
115	85	Penna▲	86	...	...	5.9	...
89½	60½	Prmdloor	65	...	...	6.7	16.1
415	310	RCO	310	...	...	6.2	10.6
123	97	REA	120 †	...	...	6.2	45.8
149	104	Reed Executive	149	+1	1.0	0.8	...
131	105	Reliance Sec▲	128	...	...	4.7	∞
279	199½	Rentokil	232½	+2	...	1.5	24.4
188	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	188 †	+3	...	2.7	29.2
302	243	Salvesen (C)	281	-3	...	3.6	14.7
61	43	Scott Pickford▲	57 †	-1	...	2.0	∞
17½	9	Select App▲	13	...	...	...	...
307	243	Serco Gp	288	...	...	1.5	26.2
130	75	Sherwd Cmps▲	130	...	...	1.7	...
130	100	Stenchley	103	...	...	3.9	16.1
338	325	Warner Howrd	330	...	...	2.8	15.7
30½	20½	Wills Gp	21	...	...	3.5	14.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
147	115½	Allied Colloids	147	...	...	2.0	23.6
1141	910	Amersham	1019	-4	...	1.9	21.4
3½	2½	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
£136½	£106½	BASF DM	£124½	-003½	...	7.6	...
373	280	BTP	319 †	-3	...	3.9	30.2
£159½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£152½	+125	...	6.0	...
171	97	Blagden	136	...	...	1.5	58.9
131	98	Brent Chems	125	...	...	4.0	...
460	311½	Brit Biotech	359	...	...	...	20.8
13	5½	Caird Gp	7½	...	...	...	...
190	155	Canning (W)	190	...	...	4.6	33.2
590	467	Courtaulds	527	-5	...	3.5	42.5
384	327	Croda	378	+1	...	2.8	19.3
133	95	Doeflex	95	...	...	6.1	10.8
282	225	Ellis & Everard	272 †	+1	...	3.5	∞
58	35½	Euro Colour	55½	...	...	2.6	19.8
362	337	Halstead (J)	362	...	...	3.3	16.9
223	160	Hickson	168	+6	...	6.1	15.9
£148½	£106½	Hoechst	£146½	+18½	...	5.1	...
250	159½	Holliday Chem	247	...	...	2.2	20.0
866	728	ICI	845 †	+2	...	4.1	68.3
843	704	Laporte	803	+5	...	3.2	21.8
245	190	Leach	227	+7	...	4.4	20.3
76	48	MTM	74	...	...	...	...
2480½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2437½	-21½	...	1.4	∞
625	461	Paterson Zoch	496	...	...	3.2	13.1
595	416	-do- 'A'	462	...	...	3.3	12.7
250	188	Plysu	189	...	...	4.0	27.0
349	265	Porvair	310	...	...	1.7	23.3
66	44	Sutcliffe Speak	48	-1	...	1.3	28.2
490	361	Wardle Storeys	390	...	...	3.5	20.4
738	570	Wolstnhlme R	738	...	...	3.0	18.4
483	380	Yorks Chem	430 †	+4	...	2.4	20.6
336	258	Yule Catto	324	+1	...	2.4	24.6
969	672	Zeneca	825	+13	...	4.3	36.4

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Alders	233 †	-1	...	3.3	17.4
410	330	Argos Plc	374	+4	...	2.7	20.1
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	72	+3	...	0.2	...
357	300	Asprey	314 †	...	...	2.4	15.5
231	176	Austin Reed	230	...	...	3.0	12.9
168	130	Beattie (J) 'A'	140	...	...	5.5	15.1
150	110	Bentalls	123	+1	...	2.0	46.3
168	73	Betterware	83	-2	...	3.9	9.0
48	36	Blacks Leis	45	-1	...	6.5	∞
264	214	Body Shop	244	-2	...	1.0	22.9
601	504	Boots	532 †	+2	...	3.5	21.0
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½	...	...	...	...
345½	210	Brown (N)	244	...	...	2.0	23.4
74½	51	Burton	59½	...	...	4.2	...
245	180	Caniary	192	...	...	2.6	26.7
520	388	Church	483	...	...	3.4	27.7
171	96	Clinton Cards	97	...	...	6.1	8.4
287	200	Coats Viyella	225	+3	...	4.4	19.7
170	145	C'ty Casuals	145	...	...	3.7	14.8
903	740	Courts Furnish	771	...	...	1.0	30.0
210	155	Crown Eyes	170 †	...	...	7.0	∞
137	83½	Dairy Farm Intl	97½	-½	...	3.8	13.3
136½	97½	Dewhirst (I)	133½	...	...	1.4	24.2
287	170	Dixons Grp	202 †	+1	...	4.1	26.0
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	6½	Eclipse Blinds	6½	+½	...	3.5	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.7	∞
284	191	Essex Furn	200	...	...	2.4	32.0
296	217	Etam	296	+8	...	3.2	21.0
558	494	Fine Art Dev	501	...	14.3	3.6	15.5
50	46	Fired Earth	48	...	...	...	...
725	680	Forminster	720 †	+2	...	2.6	∞
195	124	French Conn▲	195	+1	...	...	11.0
73	48	Gent SR	56	+1	...	5.0	17.4
116	85	Goldsmiths Gp	112 †	...	...	1.2	20.1
653	549½	GUS	581	-3	...	2.9	16.2
196	164	Hamleys	185	...	...	3.2	17.8
31	21	Hampden Grp▲	23	-1	...	5.4	...
30½	13½	Hanstone	17 †	...	...	2.4	...
110	55	Heritage▲	55	...	...	...	...
91	64	Honeysuckle▲	70	...	...	4.5	18.3
218	178	Hse of Fraser	217	+1½	...	2.9	19.5
211	173	Jacques Vert	186	...	...	3.1	16.1
778	477	Kingfisher	517	-6	...	3.6	12.7
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	68 †	...	...	7.4	14.3
435	350	Liberty	398	...	...	1.5	48.9
380	277	Lloyds Chem	312	-2	...	3.2	10.3
184	137	MFI	153	...	...	3.3	19.4
460½	380	Marks Spencer	430	-1	...	2.7	20.0
640	554	Menzies (John)	582	+8	...	2.6	14.1
343	238	Moss Bros	326	...	...	2.7	15.9
281	214	Next	258	...	...	2.7	19.2
71½	39	Oliver (G)	71½	...	...	...	76.9
335	295	Ordinsne Intl	270	...	...	4.9	∞
37	22½	Pentos	24	...	...	...	...
268	169	QS Hldgs	170	...	...	3.8	20.0
62	25	Rhino Grp▲	31	...	...	2.0	11.2
209	157½	Rosebys	159	...	...	3.7	18.0
180	113	Sherwood Gp	115	...	...	3.2	11.4
132	110	Sears	123	+½	...	3.7	20.9
46	23½	Signet Group	29½	-½	...	...	15.1
549	450	Smith WH	483	-2	...	3.9	15.6
21	11	Specialeyes▲	13	...	...	...	...
252	205	Storehouse	220	-2	...	3.1	19.6
198	146	T & S Stores	186	+5	...	4.1	13.8
173	124	Tie Rack	142	...	...	1.5	16.9
265	215	Time Products	237	+2	...	4.5	18.3
132	105	Usher (Frank)▲	106	+1	6.0	7.1	11.5
502	384	Vendome	496 †	-4	...	1.4	∞
44	34	Vivat	36	...	...	4.3	9.3
70	34	WEW Group	36	...	...	2.1	26.5
79	42	Wensum▲	78	...	...	3.2	27.5
129	91	Wickes	93	-1	...	1.8	20.8
97	54	Wid of Leather▲	97	...	...	...	...
195	138	Wyevale	139	...	...	4.0	14.7

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	109	ACT Group	123 †	+½	...	5.3	11.5
296	248	Acal▲	276	...	...	3.1	17.3
645	478	Admiral	645	+9	...	1.3	19.7
192	163	Alba	192	...	...	3.3	15.5
43	34	Alphameric	38	...	...	...	29.0
50	26	Amstrad	33	-½	...	1.9	...
105	73	App Holo▲	101	+1	...	...	...
39	24	Arlen	30	...	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	92	-½	...	1.0	22.8
281	197	Azlan	197 †	-2	...	1.9	∞
283	239	Beales Hunter	265	...	...	4.7	∞
478	376	BICC	418	-1	...	5.8	30.6
535	411	Blick	433 †	+3	...	3.0	17.4
1100	637½	Borland▲	850	+175	...	...	...
380	305½	Bowthorpe	321	...	...	2.7	17.9
486	353½	BT	375½	-1	...	5.6	13.1
367	236½	BT P/P	255½	-1½	...	5.6	13.1
20	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18½	-½	...	1.7	13.7
79	55	Bundleld	70	...	...	4.5	54.4
543	394	Cable Wireless	432 †	-3	...	2.4	18.3
39½	24	Chloride	30½	...	...	...	...
283	263	CML Micro▲	268	...	...	2.8	∞
182	105	Comptr People	175	...	...	1.1	39.9
202	154	Cray Elect	185 †	...	...	1.5	∞
467	412	Critchley	464 †	...	...	2.2	20.8
586	473	Delta	527	-2	...	3.4	23.4
663	446	Demauns El▲	585	...	...	1.4	16.3
560	400	Domino	560	...	...	1.9	24.1
78	68	Dowding Mills	75	...	...	4.2	25.2
1635	1220	Druck▲	1483 †	...	...	0.9	∞
589	463	Electrocomps	494 †	...	...	2.4	21.5
190½	135	El Data Prc	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electron House	160	...	...	2.5	∞
35	21	Emess	33	+1	...	0.4	...
451	343	Eurotherm	388 †	-2	...	1.6	23.0
212	162½	FKI	184 †	-1	...	2.5	22.4
656	512	Farnell Elect	532	-3	...	1.7	21.8
339	296	First Tech	339	...	...	1.3	∞
283	200	Forward Gp▲	217	...	...	2.9	13.0
50	34½	Forward Tech	49½	...	...	0.6	...
357½	269½	GEC	280½	-3½	...	4.8	14.1
191	119	Graseby	149	...	...	5.5	13.8
14½	10	Graystone	14	...	...	0.9	...
193	126	Ind Control	160	...	...	4.1	12.5
388	268	Jones Stroud	315	...	...	3.6	∞
145	99	Kalamazoo	144 †	...	...	2.9	∞
16	9	Kembrey	16 †	...	0.1	1.2	∞
396	335	Kenwood App	371 †	...	...	3.0	17.8
298	221	Kewill Sys▲	275	...	...	2.3	∞
185	75	Kode	75	...	...	10.0	10.7
35	19	Laser-Scan▲	22	...	...	...	...
143½	68	LEC▲	92 †	...	...	...	...
355	255	Lec Refrig	355	...	...	3.2	...
171	107	Life Sciences	140	-1	...	3.5	14.7
314	266	Logica	288	-2	...	1.8	33.2
52	45	LPA Ind▲	46	...	...	4.3	...
216	135	MR Data Mngmt	141	...	...	4.9	15.7
733	523	Macro 4	553	...	...	4.4	16.6
281	210	Memtr-Swa▲	245	...	...	2.1	∞
1320	795	Micro Focus	1025	-30	...	...	9.8
178	126	Microgen	130 †	...	...	7.0	13.0
45	31	Microvitec▲	42	...	...	...	...
548½	425	Misys	435 †	...	...	2.3	∞
494	185	Mitel	239	-11	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp▲	177	...	...	3.0	18.1
315	250	MTL Inst▲	309	...	...	1.7	20.0
148	114	Murray Em	123 †	+1	...	2.0	...
2746½	2300	NYNEX	2562½	+9½	...	...	...
128	78	Neotronics	78 †	...	...	4.2	16.9
56	53	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
415	270	Norbain▲	410 †	...	...	0.7	∞
82	47	Northamber	85 †	...	...	1.2	∞
9½	4½	Oceonics	6	...	...	...	...
35	24	Orbis	25 ‡	...	0.5	2.6	∞
358	277	Oxford Inst	301	...	...	2.1	17.5
84	60	P & P	68 ‡	...	...	3.9	16.9
98	74½	Peek	86	...	...	4.9	22.2
£105	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	5.5	...
2128½	1400	-do- Lmp ov	2109½	-18½	...	0.9	9.5
440	236	Phonelink▲	277	-6	...	...	...
342	280	Pifco	342	...	...	1.6	28.7
330	283	-do- 'A' Voting	327	...	...	1.6	27.4
123	70	Plasmec	121	...	...	3.1	...
129	100	Pressac	129	+4	...	2.5	26.4
303	181	Psion▲	252	...	...	1.4	27.6
238	187	Racal Elect	244 †	-1	...	2.2	20.0
50	33	Radamec	46	...	...	4.6	13.9
41	27	Radius▲	40	...	...	1.3	...
166	73	Real Time▲	153	+5	...	3.4	∞
311	229	Roxboro	260	...	...	0.9	19.0
610	507	Sage Gp	583	...	...	2.2	15.7
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	87	-1	...	4.1	...
80	25	Scantronic	26	-½	3.1	15.3	7.1
254	162	Scholes Grp	254	...	...	0.8	∞
428	310	Sema Gp	424	...	...	0.9	25.6
270	245	Servomex	245	...	...	3.3	27.5
49	37	Silvermines	37	...	...	1.8	22.0
94	63	Soundtracks▲	68 †	...	...	4.4	15.4
3225	2265½	TDK	2881½	-40½	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits▲	13	...	...	...	...
120	83	Telemetrix	88	+1	...	1.4	10.3
295	191	Telspec	285	...	...	1.1	34.4
1165	979	THORN EMI	1080 †	-5	...	4.1	21.0
203	133	Thorpe FW	201	-1	...	1.8	18.0
43	22	Total Systems▲	25	...	...	7.5	∞
303	215	Tunstall	249	+4	...	1.8	17.8
363	256	Unitech	363	...	...	2.3	∞
16	8½	Verity	11½	...	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec▲	23½	...	...	2.1	12.8
212	157½	Vodafone	187 ‡	-½	...	1.9	24.4
483	395	Volex	428	...	...	5.4	18.3
31	20	Western Selectn	26	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	260	Wholesale Ftgs	274	...	11.7	5.5	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	537	East Midlands	710 †	+18	...	4.0	50.0
763	566	Eastern Elect	763 †	+24	...	3.8	16.7
477	322	Hydro-Elect	376	-5	...	4.3	11.6
737½	534	London Elect	658	+13	...	4.3	10.1
850	635	Manweb	785 †	+32	...	3.9	9.4
767	547	Midlands Elec	756 †	+25½	...	3.8	11.6
505	404½	National Powr	475	-2	...	3.3	11.8
801	589	Northern Elec	754 †	+15	...	4.1	9.4
421	329	Nthn Ireland	363 †	+2	...	3.9	9.9
806	587	Norweb	748½	+20½	...	3.8	9.9
582	440	PowerGen	548	-4	...	2.9	12.0
486	337½	Scottish Power	382 †	-10	...	4.1	12.1
435	299	Seeboard	414 †	+18	...	3.5	11.0
825	591	Sth Wales	746 †	+24	...	4.3	10.1
743	551	Sth Western	739 †	+25	...	4.0	9.8
745½	540	Southern Elec	740 †	+26	...	3.8	11.6
739½	532	Yorkshire Elec	689 †	+8	...	4.3	13.4

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 †	...	1.0	2.5	10.8
165	99	BWD▲	108 †	...	...	4.9	8.8
118	96	Baltic Plc	116	...	...	1.6	12.9
215	163	Biotec Inv	163	-5	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	733	-2	...	2.8	18.1
2600	1900	Camellia	2550	...	...	1.5	6.8
363	310	Candover	321	...	...	4.3	...
465	362	Govett	377 †	-8	...	5.0	6.1
250	185	Ivory Sime	229 †	-1	...	4.1	17.8
428	175	Johnson Fry	203	...	1.5	0.9	...
245	143	Lon Forfaiting▲	147	...	...	7.9	9.2
57	44	Marakin	49	...	...	...	...
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	17½	...	...	...	0.4
58	53	Newmarket	58	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Brs	276	...	...	3.4	14.5
30	21½	Rutland Tst	24	...	...	4.5	12.2
369½	281½	S & U	337	+3	...	3.9	11.0
114	82	Singer & Fried	88	...	...	4.3	11.3
1260	788	Sotheby	830	...	...	3.4	35.8
188	131	SJP Capital	155	-1	...	2.4	9.6
224	175	Towry Law	176	...	...	3.3	17.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2015½	1628½	Amer Express	1737½	-25	...	...	...
154	131	Brewin Dolphin	152	...	...	4.8	11.2
219	157	Gartmore	178½	-1	...	2.8	20.6
1208	845	Henderson Ad	925	...	...	5.9	14.7
251½	152	Invesco	189	-1	...	2.3	31.0
317	214½	Jardine Strat	249½	-½	...	3.3	10.2
323	247	MAI	282	+3	...	3.1	15.4
117½	95½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	106	+½	...	...	...
770	538	MAM	628	-5	...	4.5	14.6
1343	794	M & G	1007	+3	...	3.5	21.1
496	342	Smith New Crt	396 †	+1	...	3.2	3.6
65	25	Trio Hldgs	26½	...	...	7.1	12.0

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	586 †	+2	...	3.2	11.5
66	50½	ASDA Group	62½	-½	...	3.6	12.9
368	285	Acatos & Hutch	305	-2	...	3.5	12.2
74	44	Albert Fisher	51	-1	...	9.2	11.3
306½	222½	Argyll	274 †	-5	...	5.2	12.0
270	220	Banks (S C)	265	...	...	4.7	∞
358	305	Barr (AG)	357	...	...	2.4	23.0
72	56	Bensons Crsps▲	58	...	...	6.1	19.2
481	378	Booker	441	+7	...	6.2	15.7
56½	48	Borthwick	53½	...	...	3.0	22.9
505	425	Brake Bros	436	-2	...	2.0	15.8
43	34	Budgen	39	+1	...	4.4	∞
178	156	CPL Aromas	175	...	...	2.1	16.7
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	467	+5	...	3.9	15.8
232	143	Carrs Milling	185	-4	...	3.0	∞
167	120	Clarnwick	158 †	+1	...	6.5	13.2
17	11½	Cullens	13½	...	...	...	...
154	110	Dalepak	119	...	...	1.6	∞
543	389	Dalgety	456	-4	...	5.7	13.3
87	50	Daniels S	57	...	...	0.7	...
294	219	Devro	248	-1	...	3.2	16.7
101	80	Everest	85	...	...	7.1	12.4
394	348	Farepak	350 †	...	...	2.4	∞
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
95	68	Finlay (James)	76	...	...	6.8	14.2
105	87	Fyffes	102 †	-2	...	1.7	17.5
371	193	Geest	231	-1	8.1	4.4	...
20½	14	Global▲	16	...	...	3.9	14.6
68	38	Grand Central	39	...	...	...	...
194	170	Hazlewood Fds	134½	-2½	...	8.2	8.2
196½	151	Hillsdown	180	...	...	6.1	14.4
28	16	Hobson	22½	...	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	152	-2	...	3.1	9.7
111	93	JLI Group	98 †	...	...	6.1	13.8
656	523	Kwik Save	607	+4	...	3.8	10.6
362	138	Low (Wm)	362	...	...	2.9	12.0
134	85	Matthews (B)	124	+6	...	2.5	19.8
18	10½	Merchant Retail	11½	...	...	2.2	...
141	99	Morrison (W)	135	+1	...	0.9	15.8
246	205	Nichols (JN)	233	...	...	3.2	15.4
271½	197	Ntrn Foods	229 †	+3	...	4.8	11.2
14	9	Nthmbn Fn▲	12	...	...	...	...
232	180	Nurdin Peack	190	-1	...	4.3	10.5
131	89½	Park Foods	123 †	...	...	2.4	∞
81	62	Perkins Food	77	+2	...	7.2	12.9
141	109	PizzaExpress	124	+1	...	0.5	26.2
5½	2½	Regina Hldg▲	2½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	420	+3	...	3.2	14.8
96	73	Senory Farms▲	75	...	...	3.8	7.6
122	71	Sims Food	94	+2	...	10.6	∞
487½	392	Tate & Lyle	449	+3	...	3.7	11.1
254	200½	Tesco	243½	-1	...	4.0	12.6
198	162	Thorntons	183	...	...	2.6	...
238	145	Treats▲	218	+1	...	2.4	17.7
434½	346	Unigate	392	-3	...	5.5	11.1
388	302	Utd Biscuits	339	+9	...	5.6	14.4
21	9	Usborne	9	...	...	4.6	6.6
422	279	Watson & Phil	356	...	...	5.1	14.4
49	34	West Trust	38	...	...	8.8	23.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	26	Abrdn Stk H▲	34	...	...	...	...
94	76	City Centre Rest	77	+½	...	2.9	17.0
285	209½	Forte	236½	+1½	...	4.0	36.8
207	169	Friendly Hotels	174 †	+2	...	4.3	30.3
168½	142½	Jurys Hotel	142½	-3½	...	4.9	∞
217½	153	Ladbroke	173	+2	...	4.4	25.2
109½	78½	Mandarin Ornd	85½	-1½	...	3.8	22.1
31	18½	Ryan Hotels E	26½	...	...	4.9	15.1
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	958	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	88½	+½	...	1.7	31.9

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	36	AAF Inds	44	-1	...	...	...
544	413	AAH	416 †	-1	...	5.4	14.8
185	119	AIM	136 †	...	...	4.1	36.3
138	108	APV	113	-1	...	6.0	...
220	157	ASW	212	-1	...	3.5	...
202	158	Adwest	182	...	...	5.0	19.6
20½	14	Aerospace Eng	17	...	...	5.5	...
312	223	Airsprung	228	...	...	2.6	∞
230	192	Alexdra W	220	...	...	3.2	23.4
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6½	...	...	...	...
330	283	Alumasc	320	...	...	2.4	17.8
73	39	Alvis	56 †	...	...	2.2	38.9
755	705	Amber Ind	755	...	...	3.3	15.7
65½	45½	Amberley Gp▲	58 †	...	...	2.2	∞
81	43	Anagen	49	...	...	...	...
95	47	Andrews Sykes	67	...	...	...	...
363	199½	Antofagasta	310	...	...	1.4	25.1
62	48	Armour	50½	...	...	4.1	11.8
175	168	Ash & Lacy	168	...	...	4.8	20.3
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	54.9
639	474	Avon Rubber	620	+4	...	3.3	26.9
297½	249	Assoc Nursg	251 ‡	...	...	1.0	∞
553	490	Atlas Equip	533	...	...	5.2	18.5
96	66	Ayrshire Metal	96 †	...	1.5	2.0	...
236	180	BBA	207	...	...	4.5	...
163	115	BLP Group▲	155	...	...	0.8	42.5
45½	24½	BM Gp	42	...	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	725	+11	...	4.0	30.6
86½	60½	BSG	71	...	...	5.6	44.4
578	495	BSS Group	546	-2	...	4.1	22.8
401	344	BTR	377	-3	...	4.1	19.6
176	138	BWI	151	...	...	5.5	19.1
40½	26½	Babcock	29½	...	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
270	216	Baird (Wm)	234	...	...	4.8	18.6
368½	368½	Barlow	468½	...	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	79	...	...	2.6	21.6
25½	17	Bearing Power	19	...	...	4.9	12.1
95	23	Beauford	28	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)▲	31	...	...	...	...
18½	12	Benson Group	14½	...	...	2.6	11.0
393	243	Bespak	270 †	+2	...	4.7	∞
91	49	Bibby (J)	52	...	...	4.8	...
226	143	Bilton (P)	145	...	...	4.6	9.0
38	26	Bilston Bttes▲	37	...	...	...	...
8½	6	Bimec Ind	6½ #	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	279 †	...	...	2.7	∞
44	30	Black Arrow	43	...	...	7.9	∞
285	233	Black (Peter)	282	...	3.8	1.7	22.1
246	135½	Bluebird Toys▲	208	+1	...	2.4	8.8
329	262	Bodycote	306	...	...	2.1	21.7
41	31	Bogod 'A'	33	...	...	2.7	∞
69	43	Booth Inds	67	...	...	...	...
28½	15	Boustead	27 †	...	...	...	...
524	409	Bowater	461	-2	...	3.4	17.3
1809½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1737½	-50½	...	...	...
297	252	Boxmore Intl▲	274	+1	...	1.8	17.5
20	15	Brasway	17	...	...	4.0	∞
352	288	Brammer	352	+1	...	4.6	22.9
31	18	Bridgend Gp	18	...	...	1.4	∞
168	120	Bridon	168	...	...	3.0	...
95	74	Bridport-Gndry	94	...	...	3.0	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	49½	-½	...	8.7	9.5
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	190	...	...	5.3	16.0
124	83	Br Bloodstock▲	83	...	...	...	74.5
515	435	Br Polythene	450	...	...	3.2	15.8
164½	121½	Br Steel	160½	-1½	...	1.6	59.4
176	93	Br Thornton	93 †	-2	...	8.1	∞
309	233	Br Vita	268	+1	...	3.5	22.5
180½	136½	Britton Grp	152 ‡	...	...	2.1	22.4
952	773½	Broken Hill	928	-24	...	2.1	39.8
125	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	96 †	...	...	5.9	12.2
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	13½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	51	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	165 †	-1	...	4.6	27.1
16	8	Business Tech▲	9½	...	...	...	...
26	14	CI Group	15	...	...	4.2	61.2
54	31	Campbll & Arm	34	...	...	...	...
39	26	Cannon St	33½	+½	...	...	12.8
488	403	Cantab Pharms	403	-2	...	...	...
278	254	Cape	262	...	...	5.2	16.6
455	378	Caradon	396	...	...	3.7	22.2
215½	139½	-do- pf	145½	-½	7.2	6.2	...
283	251	Carclo Eng	252 †	...	...	4.5	16.5
10	6	Care UK	6	...	...	...	...
2446½	1800½	Carnaud Mtl	2106½	-15½	...	2.3	16.1
104	80	Cassidy Bros▲	86 †	...	...	4.0	11.0
151	110	Castings	151 ‡	+6	...	2.2	∞
66	32½	Cathay Intl	34	...	...	...	...
233	191	Celltech	205	...	...	...	...
250	188	Chamberlin Hill	155	...	...	5.2	9.8
779½	636½	Charter	742 ‡	-1	...	3.8	21.1
380	223	Chemring	296	...	...	3.9	15.6
62	46	Chieftain Gp▲	56 †	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Intl	183	...	...	1.4	32.3
80	60	Clayhithe	66 †	...	...	5.0	∞
688	403	Cohen (A)	510	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	237	...	...	3.9	13.5
263	204	Concentric	204	...	...	3.6	16.9
310	240	Cook (Wm)	281	+1	...	3.4	13.3
285	227	Cookson	263	...	...	3.0	28.4
130	81	Copymore▲	105	...	...	4.8	14.0
187	146	Cowell Pkr 'A'	148	...	...	4.8	20.0
157	109	Cosalt	143 †	+3	...	5.5	...
285	215	Creighton Nt▲	218 †	...	...	4.4	∞
44	31	CrestaCare	34	...	...	2.8	...
2062½	1750½	Dana	1750	-25	...	...	...
388	305	Danka Bs Sys	320	-8	...	0.6	28.1
296	220	David Brown	243	...	...	3.3	17.1
1021	825	De La Rue	933 †	-8	...	2.7	19.9
155	133	Denby Group	154	...	...	2.5	15.0
52	36½	Dixide Heel	37	...	...	4.7	9.7
628	460½	Diploma	480	+1	...	3.3	19.2
97	70	Dobson Park	82	-1	...	5.7	16.2
134	102	Dyson (J&J)	110 †	...	5.0	5.7	20.2
97	78	-do- 'A'	88 †	...	...	5.0	∞
16	13	EPG	14	-½	0.1	0.9	9.1
442	364	ESI	382	+2	...	4.0	15.3
25	15	Elbief	19	...	...	...	...
53	41	Elco	42	...	...	...	...
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3171½	+9½	...	1.6	55.8
91	69	Elliott (B)	85	...	...	1.5	13.0
447½	321	Eng China Cl	383	-5	...	5.3	22.3
146	98	Enviromed	103	...	...	0.2	...
3662½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3287½	-68½	...	1.1	29.3
86	56	Eurocopy	59½ †	-2½	...	3.8	17.5
113	60	Expamet	113	...	...	2.8	...
392	334½	Fairey Group	389	...	...	1.9	20.6
145	109	Fenner	138	-1	...	0.4	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	40	Ferrum	40	...	...	...	...
28	50	Fife Indmar	55	-1	...	6.2	8.1
157	113	Fisons	146	...	...	3.7	...
60	37	Futwilton	40 ‡	...	...	11.3	...
298	263	Fogers	298	...	...	2.8	∞
51	38	Folkes Group nv	42	...	1.5	4.5	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95 †	...	...	4.8	18.6
264	220	Frost Group	234	+6	...	2.6	24.8
88	77	GEI Int	84	...	...	2.2	23.6
660	510½	GKN	639	-1	...	4.1	36.0
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	108	...	...	5.2	29.2
191	136	Gestetner	145 ‡	...	...	2.1	...
66	49	Glaves	62	...	...	2.0	39.9
725	520	Glaxo	623	-1	...	4.8	14.8
46	35½	Glenchewton	37	...	...	...	...
404	334	Glynwed	365	-2	...	4.0	21.1
209	125	Goode Durrant	197 †	...	...	3.9	15.5
185	143	Grampian Hd	147	...	...	4.7	56.8
598	487	Granada	521 †	-3	...	2.2	20.6
765	452	Great Sthrn▲	765	...	...	2.3	25.2
85	71	Green (Ernest)▲	71	...	...	12.3	13.0
15½	11½	Greenacre	11½	...	...	3.5	16.1
85	61	Haden MacLn	84	+5	...	3.0	21.4
122	90	Hadleigh	117	...	...	2.2	∞
76	59	Halkin Hldgs	64	+3	...	...	50.0
320	149	Hall Eng	179	...	...	6.6	10.2
256	204	Halma	217½	+2½	...	1.4	25.5
72	47	Hampson Ind	71 †	...	...	3.5	∞
302	232½	Hanson	265½	-1½	...	5.7	23.7
161	122	Harris (Philip)	156	...	...	5.5	19.3
220	152	Harrison Crsfld	191	...	...	6.1	21.3
180	121	Havelock Euro	180	...	...	1.4	21.4
48	30	Hay (Norman)	33	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	36	...	...	2.4	...
511	307	Hepworth	338	-2	...	5.5	17.6
205	154	Hewitt (J)	157	...	...	2.6	...
75	52	High-Point	54	+1	0.5	1.2	...
184½	148	Hill & Smith	154 †	...	...	4.7	16.7
191	111	Holders Tech▲	119 †	...	...	6.3	12.9
63	39	Hopkinsons	60	+2	...	2.7	...
216	176	Hornby▲	189	...	...	6.0	17.3
108	78	Howden	99	...	...	3.1	∞
280	234	Hozelock	272	...	...	2.8	19.3
265	188	Hunting	186	-1	...	6.6	37.2
513	402	Hunsigh Tec▲	428	...	...	1.3	24.7
379	288	IMI	338	-4	...	3.7	26.7
138	110	ISA Intl	132	-1	...	1.6	17.4
165	50	Intercare Gp▲	51 †	...	...	8.6	5.4
325	284	Isoron	295	...	4.4	1.9	16.5
710	409½	Jardine Math	528	-7½	...	2.7	12.4
628	488	Johnson Matth	570	-5	...	2.5	22.7
51	37	Johnson & FB	44	...	...	1.0	...
289	149	Johnston	288	-1	...	0.9	...
32	25	Jones Shipman	29	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	28	...	...	4.5	22.8
191½	148½	Kalon	163½	-½	...	3.2	16.5
301	230	Kelsey Ind	285	...	...	3.5	...
855	730	Kenshaw (A)	850 †	...	...	4.0	39.1
276	197	Kleeneze	210	-3	...	0.6	46.6
444	341	Laird	428	-7	...	3.1	20.1
170	145	Lilleshall	158	...	...	3.6	17.0
229	205	Linux▲	210	...	...	3.2	14.8
400	313	Linton Park	400	+2	...	4.7	∞
14	6½	Lionheart	7	...	...	5.4	15.9
20½	15	Locker (T) A	15½	+½	...	1.6	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	95 †	...	...	...	...
179½	134½	Lonrho	134½ †	+½	...	3.7	26.9
436	364	Low & Bonar	427	-1	...	3.0	16.9
49	41	ML Hldgs	45½	...	...	2.3	15.8
67	49	MS Intl	49 †	...	...	6.4	29.6
70	45	MY Holdings	59	...	...	3.2	14.3
271	223	Macfarlane	245	...	...	2.0	22.3
539	431	McKechnie	487	-1	...	3.8	23.3
127	100	McLeod Russel	116	...	...	6.6	18.1
104	70	Magnolia	73	...	...	0.2	...
163	129	Marsh Bronze	142	...	...	3.1	16.0
26	18½	Marling	25½	+½	...	3.3	44.5
231	166	Mayborn▲	167	...	...	4.3	11.7
64	53	Mayflower	62	...	...	3.7	25.2
187	120	Medeva	133	+2	...	3.5	11.6
120	77½	Meggitt	84	...	...	5.8	12.5
120	101	Metalr	105	...	...	4.3	17.4
128	99	Menrotect	101	-2	...	4.3	∞
133	99	Metsec▲	131	...	...	1.9	18.2
124	83	Midsums	90	...	...	1.0	12.5
589	548	Molins	567	...	...	3.4	11.4
408	326	Morgan Cble	360	...	...	4.4	18.1
217	176	Morris Ashby▲	228 †	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	35	...	...	4.6	16.0
80	42	Nestor-BNA	43	...	...	9.2	9.7
274	214	Nobo Gp	242 †	...	...	3.1	∞
212½	120	Norcros	122	-1	...	7.2	21.9
35	29½	Novo Group	29½	...	...	4.7	9.5
64	48	OMI Intl	54½ †	...	...	4.0	∞
175	160	PCT▲	165	...	7.2	5.5	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems▲	83	...	...	5.8	27.4
46	31	Pascoe's	41	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	98	...	...	3.6	21.3
310	220	Photo-Me	255	...	4.7	2.3	15.3
208	162	Pilkington	193 †	...	...	2.6	...
53	38	Plant & Gen	50	...	1.5	3.8	∞
148	82	Plantsbrook	148	+48	...	2.9	17.5
185	129	Polypipe	143	...	...	1.9	18.3
36	16	Porter Chadbrn	36	...	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	294	-2	...	3.1	13.1
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	18 †	-½	...	5.5	10.0
77	56	RPS Group▲	60	...	...	5.0	12.4
108	82	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
174	129	Ramco Egy▲	161	+4	...	0.4	...
447½	355½	Rank Org	396 †	+3	...	4.0	25.4
54	13	Ransomes	53	...	...	...	...
723	551	Reckitt Colm	631	+23	...	3.5	15.8
95	70	Record	89	...	...	5.1	20.0
5½	3½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	234	-4	...	2.8	42.7
308	268	Renishaw	291	...	...	2.8	36.6
180	126	Renold	177½	-½	...	1.8	∞
539½	424	Reuters	490 †	-1	...	1.7	24.5
90	74	Rexmore	85	-2	...	3.7	∞
194	138	Ricardo Group	159	...	...	4.6	18.6
73	55	Richard (Leics)	55	...	...	5.1	39.4
104½	82½	Richardson West	87	...	...	4.6	17.6
164	118½	Ropner	139	...	...	6.7	14.0
24	15	Ross Gp	15½ †	...	...	3.2	...
195	157	Rotork	171	...	...	3.3	17.2
190	137	Rubicon	140	...	...	4.2	∞
91	62	Russell (A)	88	...	...	2.5	31.3
42	34½	SEP Indl	39½ †	...	...	2.8	18.6
1459½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1303½	-37½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	218 †	+1	...	3.4	18.6
210	168	Schoil	170	...	...	4.7	13.8
250	242	Scotia	266	+1	...	...	...
1353	1146	Securicor	1353 †	...	...	0.3	33.5
1006	785	-do- 'A'	898 †	...	...	0.4	22.2
892	606	Security Serv	713 †	...	...	1.0	22.6
150½	89½	Senior Eng	137½	...	...	3.1	22.3
348	291	Seton Health	348	...	...	2.3	17.7
180	138	Shiloh	148	...	...	3.0	9.8
358	266	Sidlaw	280	...	...	4.8	13.7
600	517	Siebe	603 †	-9	...	2.3	19.4
378	194	Silentnight	206	...	...	4.9	11.8
184	137	Sime Darby	183	-1	...	2.6	20.2
130½	75	Simon Eng	114	...	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	193	...	...	4.5	15.6
70	35	Six Hundred	68	-2	...	2.8	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	154	-½	...	4.1	16.8
443	357½	SmithKline	431	+2	...	3.2	16.7
407	322	Smithkline Uts	383	...	...	3.6	14.8
527½	429	Smiths Ind	479	-5	...	3.2	19.2
104	41	Sthn Bus	47	+1	...	9.9	4.5
243	155½	Spandex▲	235	...	...	1.2	22.0
1130	420	Spear (JW)	1130	...	...	2.1	19.2
437	337	Spirax-Sarco	417	...	...	3.0	20.3
81½	45	Spring Ram	48	...	...	1.3	...
267	197	Staveley	225	...	...	4.7	65.8
243	197	Sterling Ind	237 †	+1	...	3.3	21.3
220	180	Suter	198 ‡	-1	...	5.8	17.5
604	440½	Swire Pacfc 'A'	490½	-10	...	1.9	∞
77	48	Sykes-Pick	75	...	...	4.4	38.3
178	149	Silhone	156 †	...	...	3.9	17.5
455	351	TI	[illegible]	-8	...	3.7	21.2
64	31	TLS Range▲	42	-1	...	1.6	44.3
289	370	TT Group	[illegible]	...	...	2.3	∞
292	192	Takare	225	...	2.0	1.1	19.6
852½	656	[illegible] Chem	764	-12½	...	0.8	14.4
102	97	Tunley Eco▲	102 †	+5	...	0.9	∞
220	200	Tiona▲	232	...	...	2.6	17.3
283	213	Tomkins	235 †	-1	...	3.9	15.1
124	74½	Trafalgar H	94	+2	...	1.3	...
105	63	Transfer Tech	72	...	...	5.7	7.7
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	139½ †	...	...	5.9	∞
318	262	UniChem	304	+4	...	2.7	17.1
440	345	Unidare	365	...	...	4.0	14.4
54	33	Unigroup	44	...	...	...	...
1247	958	Unilever	1097	+55	25.5	2.4	15.8
£118½	£96½	Unilever (NV)	£112½	+19½	...	3.0	14.5
18½	12	Utd Inds	15	...	...	...	...
1093	816	VSEL	1048	...	...	4.7	8.4
31½	14½	Verson	16½	...	...	...	...
204	166	Vickers	168	...	...	1.9	24.3
325	264	Victaulic	274	...	...	3.6	15.1
522	451	Vinten	468	...	...	2.0	15.9
805	661	Vosper Thorny	740 †	-1	...	3.0	16.0
65	37	WSP Hldgs	61	...	...	3.7	44.9
527	451	Wagon Ind	574	...	...	4.3	∞
200	60	Wakebourne	82	...	...	...	...
114	97	Walker Greenbk	103	...	3.5	4.0	∞
314½	249½	Wassall	302	+1	...	1.4	26.9
62	44	Watford Wdgs▲	59	-3	...	...	46.0
365	254	Weir	315	...	...	2.6	16.2
704	498	Wellcome	679 †	+4	...	3.2	14.4
220	203	Wellington Hldg	203	...	...	3.2	19.6
39½	38	Wellman	39	...	...	2.9	63.7
400	294	West Hldcare	341	...	...	1.7	∞
548	455	Whatman	482	...	...	2.7	17.0
264	198	Whessoe	138	...	...	7.4	10.5
124	95	Whitecroft	121 †	...	...	2.1	14.1
13½	10	Widney	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
414½	329	Williams Hldg	370	-1	...	4.3	19.9
54½	39½	Wilshaw	54½	...	...	1.4	22.3
475	305	Wolseley	510	-3	...	2.2	19.6
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.7
55	40	Wyko	57	...	...	1.2	∞
96	70	Young (H)	72	...	...	5.7	77.0

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1495½	937	Alex & Alex	1262	-12½	...	5.3	...
2043½	1609½	Am Gen	1877½	...	...	4.1	...
86	50½	Archer	52	...	...	2.4	...
165	89	Bradstock	96 †	-1	...	7.2	11.0
550	370	Britannic	415	-2	...	3.8	...
117	90	CLM Insce	93 †	-1	1.4	1.9	...
711	458	Corn Union	562	-4	...	4.5	15.7
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1665	...	...	1.8	22.0
64	33	FAI	39	-1	...	1.3	...
194	144	Fenchurch Grp	154	...	...	5.8	13.8
757	533	Gen Accident	561	-9	...	6.5	8.9
247	161	GRE	170	-5	...	5.3	2.4
457	288	Heath C E	298	-4	...	6.7	...
323	239	Independent Ins	247	+2	...	4.2	7.0
203	128½	JIB Group	147	...	...	6.4	13.4
547	407	Legal & Gen	452	-2	...	5.6	15.2
1390½	975	Liberty Life	1356 ‡	+16½	...	7.6	5.1
119	93	LIMIT	94 †	...	...	1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	361 †	-2	...	6.4	10.9
310	166	Lloyd Thomp	169	...	7.1	5.3	10.5
173	159	Lombard Ins	173	-3	...	5.6	10.0
443	313	Lancn & Man	322	-3	...	6.1	16.0
472	380	Lowndes Lmb	389 †	-1	...	4.8	12.3
5895½	5337½	Marsh McLn	5525 †	-75	...	3.4	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	154	...	...	4.5	15.4
129½	109	Orion	112 ‡	...	...	5.6	∞
93	38	PWS	40	-1	...	9.4	...
385	271	Prudential	310	...	...	5.3	14.7
404	261	Refuge	284	-2	...	5.0	20.9
350	272½	Royal	279	-14	...	4.1	12.5
222	157	Sedgwick	177	-1	...	4.3	19.5
155	105	Steel Burrill	116	-2	...	9.7	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	60 †	-1	...	6.2	72.2
418	285	Sun Alliance	317	-3	...	5.6	14.5
96	51	Trade Indemnity	59	...	...	1.9	15.0
464	343	Transatlantic	378	-3	...	4.0	33.7
673	468	Utd Friendly	540	...	...	3.5	27.7
245	133	Willis Corroon	153	-½	...	5.4	13.5
28	20½	Windsor	20½	...	...	...	16.1

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1703	Alliance	1860	-7	...	3.2	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	457	...	...	2.1	...
161	123	BZW Conv	144	...	7.8	6.8	...
219	175	Bankers	191 †	+1	...	2.5	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	339 †	...	...	2.4	...
348	198	Berry Starq	230	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	98	...	...	5.5	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	94	...	...	1.2	...
46	31	-do- Wnts	40	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	210	-4	...	2.9	...
272	221	Brunner	245 †	-1	...	2.7	...
223	194	Contl Asset	202½	...	...	1.9	...
173	147	Derby Inc	165 †	...	...	11.9	...
328	268	-do- Cap	315	...	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	82	...	...	12.8	...
111	84	-do- Eng Inl	97	...	...	1.0	...
156	128	-do- Far East	150	-1	...	0.6	...
764	613	Dunedin Inc G	670	...	...	4.9	...
108	85	-do- Japan	99½	...	...	...	...
80	45	-do- Warrants	57	...	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	314	...	...	3.6	...
827	725	-do- Wrde	788	-2	...	1.5	...
360	281	Edinburgh	315	...	...	3.5	...
354	286	Electra Inv	327	-2	...	2.7	...
220	185	Electric Gen	199 †	-1	...	2.0	∞
127	106	English Scot	118	...	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	321 †	...	...	1.8	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	153	...	3.0	2.5	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	304 †	+1	...	0.4	...
145	75½	Fleming Chinese	89½	-2	...	...	...
92	42	-do- Warrants	51	...	...	...	...
267	196	-do- Claver	215 †	-1	...	3.2	...
385	305	-do- Contl	346½	-1½	...	0.8	...
264	190	-do- Entp	209	-1	...	2.9	∞
459	327	-do- F East	365	-2	1.5	0.5	...
422	359½	-do- Fledg	374 †	...	...	1.0	...
120	89	-do- Hi Inc	100	...	...	5.5	...
281½	223	-do- Japan	275	-3	...	0.2	...
347	269½	-do- Merc	293½	-1	...	2.0	...
347½	280½	-do- Oseas	307	-1	4.2	1.7	...
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	143	...	...	1.6	...
148	106½	-do- Emg Mkts	128	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	-do- Enterprise	70	...	...	1.1	...
261	216	-do- Eurosi	242	-2	...	0.6	...
145	116	-do- German	133	-1	...	0.5	...
374	307	-do- Pacific	337	-1	...	0.8	...
192	159½	-do- Smaller	179	...	...	1.4	∞
303	247	GT Japan	270	-3	...	0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	183	...	...	...	...
115½	105	-do- Inc	114	...	...	9.9	...
191	130	Govett Am Smlr	146	-1	...	...	...
151	101	-do- Emg Mkts	124	...	...	0.3	∞
96½	80	-do- Global Smlr	84	...	...	...	...
112	83	-do- High Inc	91	...	...	7.0	...
429	349	-do- Oriental	393	-1	...	0.5	...
346	230	Govett Strategic	280	...	...	3.2	...
475	410	Greenfriar	417 †	...	...	3.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	96	-1	...	...	...
99	92	Inc Biotech	96	...	...	...	...
50	30	-do- Warrants	45	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	132½ †	+1½	...	4.9	...
119	94	I&S UK Smllr	109	...	...	3.2	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	146	...	...	...	...
243	196½	Kleinwort Chn	215 †	-2	...	3.0	...
88½	75½	-do- Euro Prtt	70½	...	...	...	...
49	23½	-do- Euro Wnts	30½	...	...	...	...
272½	232½	-do- O'seas	247½	...	...	1.7	...
165	134	-do- Smlr	137	...	...	3.2	...
826	672	Law Debenture	748	+1	...	3.3	...
227	190	Majedie	208	...	...	3.0	...
324	237	Merchants	273 †	...	...	5.1	...
89	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	86½	...	...	...	...
45	28½	-do- Warrants	32	-½	...	...	...
125	98	-do- World Mng	108	...	...	...	...
52½	35	-do- World Wts	38	...	...	...	...
2987½	2250	Merrill Lynch	2300	-25	...	...	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	547	-2	...	1.6	...
158	127	Morg Gren Inc	141	+2	...	4.0	...
64	45	-do- Warrants	51	...	...	...	...
97	87	-do- Latin Amer	97	...	...	...	...
50	39	-do- Warrants	50	...	...	...	...
146	114	Murray Ent	123 ‡	+1	...	2.0	...
56	34	-do- Warrants	37	...	...	...	...
68	54	Murray Euro	60½	...	...	0.6	...
23½	16	-do- Wts	17	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Income	352	...	11.3	4.0	...
395	219	-do- Intl	353	+1	...	4.1	...
548	424	-do- Small	480 †	-2	...	1.1	∞
97	82	-do- S/C Inc	89 †	...	...	14.9	...
174	135	-do- S/C Cap	147	...	...	...	...
3400	2975	-do- S/C Uts	3150 †	...	...	4.2	...
162	153	-do- S/C DP	162	...	...	...	...
363	324	-do- Vent	331	...	...	4.2	...
95	61	Northrog Inc	62	-1	...	9.6	...
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	376	+1	...	1.0	...
241	179	-do- Warrants	205	...	...	...	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	512	-5	...	0.3	...
542	378	-do- Warrants	413	-3	...	...	...
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8050	...	195	3.1	∞
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	182	+1	...	1.0	...
127	114	River & Merc	115	-1	...	10.2	...
449	415	Robeco	425	-10	...	3.0	...
463	415	Rolinco	427	-10	...	1.8	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	319	...	...	3.1	...
183	150½	Scot American	168	...	...	3.6	...
368	238	Scot Asian	276	-2	...	...	...
1070	663	-do- Warrants	770	-5	...	...	...
97½	77	-do- Eastern	86	...	...	2.3	...
262	209½	Scottish	226	-3	...	2.7	∞
264½	215	-do- Mrge	236	+1	...	2.2	...
133½	111½	-do- Value	117	...	...	2.1	...
1795	1529	Second Allnce	1649	+2	...	3.0	...
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	87½	-½	...	4.6	...
179	148	Selective Asset	159	...	...	1.1	...
51½	41	Sphere Inv	46 †	-½	...	9.2	...
235	149	TR Far East	165	-1	...	4.0	...
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	150 †	+½	...	4.0	...
124½	96	TR Pacific	110	...	...	0.2	...
43½	34	TR Property	34½	-½	...	3.3	...
152	113	TR Tech Inv	129 †	-½	...	1.7	...
229	182	TR Smlr Cos	206½ †	...	...	2.3	∞
412	310	Temple Bar	361	+1	...	4.8	...
135	102	Thrgtn Asian E	112	...	...	0.6	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	81 †	+½	...	3.5	...
568	468	Throg Dual Cp	549	-5	...	...	...
269	233	USDC Invest	254	...	...	2.2	...
129	109½	Value Inc Tst	120½	...	...	4.1	...
257½	205	Witan	232 †	+1	...	3.1	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	458	...	...	2.5	15.9
46½	19	Ald Leis	24	...	...	15.6	7.6
177	155	Alpha Airpts	164	...	...	1.1	∞
131	85	Baldwin	115	...	...	3.8	15.1
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	282	-1	...	4.4	12.4
340	231	Boosey Hwks	340	+5	...	1.8	20.5
205	133	Border TV▲	189 †	...	...	2.7	∞
7½	3½	Brent Walker	3½	...	...	...	...
148	100	Bristol Scotts	130	+5	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	2½	...	...	...	...
74	41	Campari	44	...	...	2.4	...
439	328	Capital Radio	384	...	...	2.0	33.9
1047	520	Carlton Comm	889 †	-13	...	3.7	19.6
356	248	Castle Comm▲	355	...	...	3.2	22.4
191	114	Chrysalis	191	+1	3.2	2.1	...
374	305	Compass Gp	339	+1	...	2.5	19.9
290	232	Eurocamp	271 †	+2	9.9	4.6	11.2
213	118	Euro Disney	125	+3	...	...	...
4	2	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
435	308	Fairline Boats	410	...	...	3.6	26.5
390	262	First Leisure	286½	-2½	...	2.9	18.9
478	309	Flextech▲	408	...	...	...	...
1053	675	GWR Gp▲	915 †	-3	...	1.4	33.1
303	225	Grampian	265	...	...	3.3	15.2
22	15	Greenwich Comm▲	16	...	...	...	...
162	106	HTV Group	157	...	...	0.8	43.3
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	75	...	...	4.6	11.0
16½	11½	Kanuck	13½	...	...	...	...
702	539	Man Utd	664	...	...	3.6	26.8
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
57	34	Northern	52	...	...	2.4	10.0
130	81	Owners Abrd	104	+2	...	4.3	...
92½	65½	The Pelican Gp	91 †	...	...	1.5	∞
163	146	Prism Leisure▲	146 †	...	...	3.6	∞
43	26	Quadrant Grp	26	...	...	...	...
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	278 †	...	...	2.0	41.8
626	305	Scott Radio▲	615	...	...	2.1	24.0
574	355	Scot TV	414	...	...	3.7	∞
40½	24	SelecTV▲	26½	...	...	...	...
350	290½	Stanley Leisure	333 †	...	...	2.0	∞
153	125	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
345½	280	Tanjong	290	...	...	1.1	∞
2½	1½	Ticketing▲	1½	...	...	...	14.7
110	75	Tottenhm Hot	109	...	...	2.3	41.7
162	85	Trans World▲	176	...	...	0.9	64.9
760	518	Ulster TV	591	...	...	3.2	22.1
190	129	VCI	146	...	...	4.6	13.2
149	112	Vardon	124	...	...	1.1	22.0
375	150	Yorkshire TV	318	+5	...	...	...
129	110	Zetters Gp	129	...	...	8.5	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	2509½	Ang Am	3587½	-15½	...	2.0	33.0
2687½	1762½	Ang Am Coal	2687½	...	...	3.4	14.6
6518½	4993½	Ang Am Gold	6377½	-56½	...	3.8	18.6
36	27	Anglo Pac Res▲	29	+½	...	...	...
1512½	1262½	Ashanti	1300	-12½	...	...	...
404	275	Balyrchll	291	...	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	159½	+1½	...	...	...
37	22½	Bracken	22½	-3½	...	4.0	62.8
898	580½	Buffels	634½	-5½	...	6.7	∞
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
931½	745½	CRA	914	-15	...	2.4	28.2
55½	36	Cluff Res	49	...	...	...	...
102	28½	Coal Inv	102	+1	...	...	...
1750	1661½	De Beers	1662½	...	...	3.3	17.6
148	88	Deelkraal	93½	-7½	...	3.8	∞
74	30½	Doornfontein	64½	+2½	...	...	...
969½	665½	Driefontein	953½	-½	...	4.5	∞
928	549½	Durban	703	-30½	...	...	...
178½	107	E Rand Gold	160½	-1½	...	11.2	5.9
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	70½	...	...	...	...
449	309½	Elandsrand	420½	+4½	...	3.9	9.6
1239	741½	FS Cons	937½	+3½	...	7.5	9.5
62	27	FS Dev	52	...	...	...	...
1903	1191½	GFSA	1781½	...	...	2.2	39.9
178½	108½	Gencor	174½	+1½	...	3.5	28.5
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	57½	-½	...	2.5	21.1
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	16	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	161½	-1½	...	5.6	∞
416	319½	Harmony	378½	-3½	...	...	...
430	268½	Hartles	320	+½	...	9.0	∞
1446½	831½	Impala Plat	1409½	-18½	...	1.8	50.7
16½	9½	Kenmare Res▲	11½	...	...	...	...
1315½	890½	Kinross	962½	-9½	...	5.1	∞
898½	568½	Kloof	872½	-16½	...	3.7	∞
137	69½	Leslie	92½	-½	...	8.8	∞
333	176½	Loraine	265	-2½	...	...	...
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	1.9	...
162	118	MIM	142	-4	...	1.7	59.2
1581	1227	Minorco	1568½	-12½	...	2.4	18.8
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	170	-4	...	3.1	24.8
890	790	RTZ	871	+1	...	2.9	26.8
375	187½	Rand Mines	375	...	...	2.8	14.2
801½	547½	Randfontein	697	-6½	...	4.7	∞
295	207	Renison	218	-2	...	...	...
1531½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1437½	-6½	...	2.1	∞
756	509½	St Helena	658½	-6½	...	4.0	∞
2987½	1484½	Southvaal	1767½	-15½	...	4.9	20.4
135½	73	Stilfontein	118½	-1	...	22.8	∞
160	90	Unisel	131½	-1½	...	3.4	∞
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	5640½	+46½	...	4.5	9.2
934½	508½	Western Areas	901	-8½	...	8.0	∞
3362½	2050	Western Deep	2746½	...	...	3.8	9.4
398	300½	Wstrn Mining	339 †	-1	...	1.6	...
1225	603½	Winkels	687½	-6½	...	5.2	∞
66	50	Zambia Copper	57	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	53	+2	...	9.5	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	283	...	...	...	...
115	108	Airflow Stream	115	+5	3.0	3.3	17.3
175	130	Appleyard	130	...	...	5.3	22.9
405	310	Bletchley Mtr	310	...	...	6.0	12.5
243	180	Bostrom	239	...	...	3.1	22.6
584	390	Br Aerospace	490	-14	...	2.1	43.0
57	42	Burndene	42 †	-1	...	6.0	12.2
465	280	Caffyns	318	+3	...	4.5	21.4
22	13½	Caverdale	17½	...	...	1.1	17.5
130	98	Central Mtrs▲	101	+2	...	4.4	24.0
51	32½	Cook (DC)▲	43	-3	...	3.0	∞
348	249	Cowie	260 †	-6	...	4.0	12.7
192½	127	Dag Motors	155	...	...	5.0	17.8
158	113	Davnprt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	300 †	...	...	0.8	...
234	220	Eurodollar	223	...	...	4.8	17.4
173	118	European Mtr	125 ‡	...	...	4.2	13.1
539½	349	Evans Halshaw	441	-1	...	3.7	18.6
310	235	FR Group	298	-4	...	3.2	16.3
2359½	1800½	Ford Motor	1912½	-50	...	...	...
4367½	3175	General Mtr	3225	-37½	...	1.6	...
90	60	Gowrings	75	...	...	3.3	...
343½	260½	Henlys	293	+1	...	3.2	20.2
1339	918½	Honda Motor	1110½	-18½	...	0.4	...
58	35	Jacks (Wm)	56	...	...	...	19.4
184	149	Kwik-Fit	149	-3	...	3.2	17.1
573	410	Lex Service	410 †	...	...	4.1	15.7
282	162	Lookers	238 †	...	...	3.6	14.8
239	158	Lucas	204	-½	...	4.3	...
29½	25	Malaya Grp	25½	...	...	...	...
310	256	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.5	16.3
238	175	Perry Gp	201	...	...	4.4	11.0
218	156	Quicks Group	175	...	...	3.6	18.4
204	161	Rolls-Royce	198½	-2½	...	3.1	35.0
261	207	T & N	252	-1	...	5.4	28.8
326	263	Trinity Hldgs	326	+1	...	2.4	23.6
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	191 †	...	...	3.0	∞

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	297	...	5.7	2.4	30.4
335	320	Black (A&C)	325	...	...	5.2	13.8
402	228	Blenheim Gp	248	-5	...	5.2	9.3
413	365	Bristol	373	...	...	4.1	25.8
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1325	...	...	1.4	31.0
1484½	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	1000	-7½	...	1.9	25.4
314	260	Dorling Kind	314	...	...	1.3	26.4
6712½	5381½	Elsevier	6262½	-18½	...	3.1	20.0
476	366½	EMAP	426	-4	...	2.5	26.1
1975	1490	Euromoney Pb	1848	...	...	2.7	32.5
104	42	Harrington K	43	...	...	14.2	2.8
515	338	Haynes Pub	440	...	...	2.0	24.8
408	340	Hodder H'tme	353	...	...	1.8	57.5
180	120	Home Counts	147	...	...	3.8	36.0
219	161	Intl Bus Comm	209	-1	...	1.2	13.8
15	8	Int Cm & Data▲	9	...	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	308	...	...	3.1	10.5
669	551	Johnston Press	584	...	7.0	1.5	21.5
110	43	MAID	61	-1	...	...	...
492	338	Metal Bulletn	492	...	...	2.8	28.3
177½	152	Midland Ind	161	...	...	2.2	22.0
203	123	Mirror Gp	130	...	...	...	5.1
514½	382½	News Corp	417	-5	...	0.3	...
314	224	News Intl	239	...	...	0.7	14.7
735	570	Pearson	629	-12	...	2.6	22.5
760	670	Portsmth Sund	688	...	...	1.9	∞
904	734	Reed Intl	805	-1	...	3.0	24.2
249	167	Southnews	224	...	...	1.6	29.4
200	143	Sterling Pub▲	150	+1	...	3.1	12.6
652	323	Telegraph	345	-5	...	4.7	12.9
885	695	Thomson Corp	715	...	30.1	5.3	35.4
472	394	Trinity Intl	401	...	...	3.0	19.6
45	18½	Unit Groups▲	36	...	...	...	...
731	479	Utd Nwspapr	505	...	...	5.4	13.8

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
38½	24½	Aran Energy	37	...	...	...	22.4
53	35	Arcon Intl▲	46	-1	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	72	-1	...	...	...
67	45	Aviva Pet	45	-1	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½ #	...	...	...	64.6
249	197	Br Borneo	219	...	...	4.1	11.3
358	253	British Gas	288	+2	...	6.3	...
470	340	Br Petroleum	410 †	+1½	...	2.8	41.6
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½ #	...	...	...	...
895	811	Burmah Castrl	873	...	...	3.9	16.4
84	56	Cairn Energy	80	...	...	...	44.1
375	261	Calor Gp	290	...	...	5.4	14.9
51	33	Clyde Pet	42½	-½	...	...	...
30	14½	Copley Res	16½	-½	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gas▲	21	...	...	...	22.7
460	379	Enterprise	415	-5	...	4.8	25.7
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.3
8½	4½	Fortune	6½	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	73	-1	...	2.4	19.2
46	31	Gt Western Res	46	...	...	...	...
177	142	Hardy O & G	144	-3	...	0.9	18.4
55	40	Kelt Energy	48 †	...	...	3.5	...
169	110½	LASMO	157½	-1½	...	0.8	...
73	53	-do- Units	59	...	9.4	20.0	
9½	2	Mid Scot Res▲	2½	...	...	...	...
75	56	Monument	66½	-½	...	...	56.9
7½	4½	New London	4½	-½	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	46	...	...	...	...
50½	17½	Petrox	37½	-½	...	...	...
168	157	Ptr Pet	162	-1	...	...	...
111	100	Pittencrieff Rs	110	...	...	...	...
32½	21½	Premier	29½	...	...	...	16.0
158	118	Presidio	128	...	...	5.2	...
463	325	Ranger	415	...	...	5.0	...
7700	6651½	Royal Dtch Fl	7121½	-50	...	4.5	19.7
4064½	3481½	Schlumberger	3775	-90½	...	2.1	...
55	50	Seafield	54	...	...	...	...
755	651	Shell	720	+2	...	4.2	21.6
187	126	Sunrise Eng Sv	129	...	...	...	...
15	6½	Villiers Grp	11	...	...	...	...
232	176½	Wood'side	230	-2	...	1.7	...
110	25	XCL	79	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	145	AG Holdings	147	...	...	4.5	17.3
444	377	API	377	...	...	3.9	35.7
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	282	-3	...	2.4	45.5
730	540	Abbott Mead	684	...	...	1.9	26.4
30½	17½	Aegis Gp	20½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Comm▲	170	...	4.9	3.6	∞
26	18	BBA Designs▲	26	...	...	...	...
472	413	Bemrose	416	...	...	3.5	15.0
13½	7½	Birkdale	7½	-1	...	...	...
180	139	Bunzl	167	+1	...	2.1	22.4
169	117½	CIA Gp	146	-2	...	1.9	23.5
179	129	Capital Inds	163	...	...	...	12.4
36	33	Chime Comm	33	...	...	...	...
96	76	City of Lon▲	95	...	...	5.9	14.5
439	304	Cropper (Jme)	330 †	-2	...	1.5	16.2
114	60	Delyn Group	80	...	...	2.6	4.5
137	104	Dolphin Pack	120	...	...	4.7	15.4
85	72	Dudley Jenkns▲	72	...	...	5.8	15.4
17	12	Elswick	17	...	...	2.4	18.2
101	75	Fairway Group▲	88	...	...	5.0	17.7
430	355	Ferguson Intl	355	...	...	3.4	15.1
145	128	Ferry Pick	129	...	...	5.5	...
222	188	Filofax▲	202	...	...	1.1	19.6
17½	8	Fitch	13	...	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons▲	134 †	...	...	5.1	∞
275	171	Gold Greenless	190	...	...	2.7	∞
34	23	Goodhead	28	...	...	0.2	∞
30	15	Huntingprint	19	...	...	...	...
162	128	Intereurope	132	...	...	2.4	11.9
281½	248	Jarvis Porter	277	...	...	2.3	19.9
37	22	Lopex	31	...	...	1.0	35.0
431	344	More O'Ferrall	354	...	...	4.7	20.4
416	230	Usborne & Little	414	...	...	2.0	15.1
60	32	Osprey Comms	40	...	...	11.2	...
820	515	Portals	665	...	...	3.0	19.5
3	1½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
330	260	Quarto	260	...	...	2.9	14.2
412	322	St Ives Gp	365	...	...	2.1	25.6
176	127	Saatchi	172	...	...	...	34.5
812½	464½	Sappi	784	-13½	...	13.2	4.7
30½	18	Serif	25½	...	...	...	...
57	20½	Shandwick	40½ †	...	...	...	...
573	398	Smith David	559 †	-2	...	1.2	7.0
414	266	Smurfit (Jeff)	395	-2	...	1.3	56.2
119	94	Somic	94 †	...	...	3.3	∞
254	210	Stat-Plus	217	...	...	5.1	30.6
34	25½	Taylor Nelson	34	...	...	1.7	25.4
161	118½	VTR	133	...	...	3.8	21.1
36½	25	WMGO	26	...	...	2.4	∞
129	63½	WPP	117	-2	...	1.1	∞
364	182	Wace	241	-2	...	1.8	23.4
291	209	Waddington (J)	209	...	...	5.1	10.2
511	403	Watmough	423	...	...	2.0	26.6
44	29	Whitney Mck▲	30	...	...	...	...
132	98	Wyndeham	127 †	...	...	2.2	16.4

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	99	Allied Lon	115	+4	...	4.0	15.5
48	36	Arcadian	40	+2	...	...	...
268	253	Argent	266	...	...	...	...
10½	4	Ascot Hldgs	4½	...	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	119	...	...	2.3	21.1
191	117	Avonside	135	...	...	3.9	15.5
2575	2046½	BCE▲	2171½	-37½	...	...	...
382½	256	Bilton	258	-2	...	4.7	16.8
108	72	Bourne End	93	...	...	1.3	...
276	200	Bradford	233	-2	...	3.9	16.4
22½	10	Bredero	10	...	...	...	7.3
474	360	Br Land	419 †	-1	...	2.2	41.5
137	124	Brightstone	123	...	...	3.5	27.9
276	179	Brixton	204	-4	...	4.4	17.5
118	90½	Burford	105	-1	...	1.7	23.8
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl▲	157	...	...	1.2	61.9
279	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	221	-2	...	3.7	53.2
325	230	Cardiff Prop	318 †	...	...	1.0	71.1
185	152	Chelsfield	172	-2	...	1.7	42.4
678	534	Chesterfield	534	...	...	2.8	21.0
84	56	City Site Ests	69	...	...	...	...
12½	8	Clarke Nickolls	9	...	...	...	16.8
350	285	Compco	310	...	...	5.5	∞
50	32	Conrad Rbin GS	40	-2	...	...	...
1755	1458	Daejan	1530	...	...	2.4	17.6
25½	5	Dares Estates	11½	...	...	...	...
156	103	Debenhm Twsn	116 †	...	...	3.6	18.8
17	6	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
189	161	Dencora	169	...	...	2.4	17.5
347½	263	Derwent Hldgs	265	+2	...	2.1	23.7
41	22½	Development Sec	22½	...	...	...	...
51	45	Dwyer	47	...	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	415 †	...	...	3.2	50.1
47	18	Estates Gen	26	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	119 †	...	...	2.7	20.8
43½	27	Ex-Lands	31	...	...	1.4	...
80	66	Fiscal Prop	69	...	...	...	...
37	24	Five Oaks	26½	...	...	0.9	...
78	64	Fletcher King	64 †	...	...	2.9	∞
536	407	Frogmore	443	-3	...	4.6	19.5
325	228	Grainger	277	-3	...	2.4	49.5
260	174	Gr Portland	199	...	...	5.0	37.9
22½	12½	Greycoat	15 †	...	...	...	...
269	149	Hk Land	171½	-2½	...	0.5	∞
94	43	Hambro Cntyn▲	56	+½	...	1.7	56.9
435	329	Hammerson	344	-2	...	3.6	34.5
390	298	Helical Bar	362	-1	...	2.0	14.7
40½	29½	Hemingway	32½	...	...	1.6	...
78	37	Herring Baker	52	...	...	3.6	...
315	136	Jermyn	177	...	...	...	34.5
792	588	Land Sec	660	-3	...	4.5	16.7
122	88	Lon Merch Sec	95 †	-1	...	5.5	14.0
16	9	Lon & Metro	10	...	...	...	0.5
562	409	MEPC	456	...	...	5.5	26.3
13½	6½	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	185 †	...	...	3.9	∞
81	59	Merivale Mre	75	...	...	...	...
55	27	Moorfield Est	27	...	...	4.5	...
1425	1200	Mountview	1225	...	...	2.2	12.2
196	154	Muckow (A&J)	164	-1	...	4.7	23.6
50	32	OEM	32	...	...	...	...
64	37½	Olives Prop	39	...	...	...	14.6
2½	1	ORB	1	...	...	...	...
191	148	PSIT	162 †	...	...	3.6	22.0
390	264	Peel	266	-1	...	2.1	∞
12½	4½	Power Corp	5	...	...	...	11.9
54	32½	Raglan	32½	...	...	...	10.6
40	27	Regalian	28	...	...	...	...
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	175	...	...	1.5	11.1
134	115	Rugby Est	115	...	...	2.1	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51 †	...	...	2.9	12.7
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	63	...	...	5.5	∞
100	78	Savills	81 †	...	...	3.5	∞
108	82	Scot Met	86 †	...	...	3.3	...
135	106	Shaftesbury	108	...	...	...	...
17½	8	Shield	8½	...	...	...	4.5
307	221	Slough Estates	256	-1	...	3.9	42.3
103	63	Sthend Prop	66 †	-1	...	4.5	∞
50	23	Stanhope Prps▲	26	...	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	39	...	...	...	2.1
244	182	Tops Ests	192 †	...	...	1.4	45.8
163	119	Town Centre	119	...	...	3.7	21.3
107	91	Trafford Park	93	...	...	3.9	21.4
58	28	UK Land	41	...	...	...	...
317	231	Warner	242	-2	...	6.9	22.0
260	218	Warnford	231	...	...	4.3	18.7
7½	1½	Waterglade	3½	+½	...	...	...
109½	67	Wates	71	-2	...	...	...
106	70	Wood John Da	80 †	...	...	3.1	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic▲	41	...	...	...	...
302	148	Lambert	148	...	...	6.3	6.5
75	53	Pittards	70	+2	...	1.8	...
36	19	Strong & Fisher▲	19	...	...	6.6	13.0
250	227	Stylo	237 †	...	...	2.1	22.8
69	50½	UK Safety	52	...	...	6.2	10.9

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	493	Allied Text	493	...	...	3.4	15.0
71	54	Beckman (A)	54	...	...	8.3	11.6
39½	16	Bolton Gp	17 †	...	...	...	...
17½	5½	Brackenbridge▲	9½	...	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	186	...	...	5.7	25.3
385	292	Claremont Ga	320	-1	...	3.2	16.9
593	451	Courtauld Text	499	-1	...	3.6	19.8
159½	119	Dawson	152 ‡	...	...	2.5	...
42	31	Drummond	32	...	...	...	14.2
80	72	Faupel▲	74 †	...	...	8.3	12.5
29	24	Foster (John)	25	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	140	...	...	3.8	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	28 ‡	...	...	9.0	11.5
250	222	Hicking Pntcst	250	...	...	2.3	17.7
73	55	Jerome (S)	62	...	...	1.0	31.4
485	388	Lamont	391	...	...	4.0	15.1
340	265	Leeds	282	+13	...	2.6	14.4
101	68	Lyles (S)	82	...	...	4.2	...
266	190	Parkland	197	...	...	3.2	11.7
112	80	Readicut	83½	+½	...	5.1	14.3
70	47	SEET	48	...	...	...	...
146	100	Sirdar	108	...	...	6.3	7.5
64	50	Stirling Gp	62	+2	...	3.9	∞
46	34	Stoddard	36	...	...	5.6	13.6
330	253	Tomkinsons	253	-2	...	5.7	23.8
49	34	West Trust	38	...	...	8.8	25.0
280	239	Yorklyde	275	...	...	2.7	13.3

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	428 †	+5	...	6.0	11.2
489	337	Rothmans	370 †	+3	...	4.5	19.7

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	284	+3	...	2.0	27.1
541½	440	BAA	497 †	+2	...	2.3	21.2
126	103½	Badgerline	117	...	...	4.4	...
496½	367	Br Airways	425	-½	...	3.3	15.3
108	75	Clarkson (H)	85	...	...	2.6	21.4
992½	259	Eurotunnel Uts	291	-6	...	...	...
87	55	Fisher (James)	55	...	...	...	...
155	126½	IoM Steam	145	...	...	3.8	11.1
63	39	Jacobs (J)	42	...	...	4.9	...
111	92	Lon O'Seas Frts	92	...	...	5.3	21
534	380	Mersey Docks	434	-3	...	2.6	21.9
338	245	Natl Express	327	...	...	2.9	31.5
291	179	NFC	209 †	...	...	4.2	12.1
348	246	Ocean Group	278	+9	...	6.4	15.7
91	56	Ocean Wilson	70	...	...	5.7	9.0
743	597	P & O Dfd	694	+4	...	5.5	24.7
188	153	P & O S 1/2%	186	...	...	...	...
705	549	Powell Duffryn	591	-3	...	5.0	17.8
102	84	Seacon▲	87	...	...	3.4	19.5
206	158	Stagecoach	195	...	...	2.7	∞
129	89½	TNT	121	+6	...	...	...
915	803	Tibbet & Britn	865	...	14.2	2.1	23.5
79	27	Tiphook	33	-5	...	...	...
327	217	TDG	219	-1	...	5.5	14.5
132	98	Upland	121 †	...	...	0.3	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	101	...	...	...	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian Water	537½	-8½	...	5.2	14.0
365	295	Mid Kent Hldgs	296	...	...	4.9	10.0
751	508	Northumbrian	648 †	+10	...	4.7	7.0
611	454	North West	531 †	-2	...	5.4	7.9
645	457	Severn Trent	547 †	-2	...	5.2	7.7
682	466	Sthrn Water	572 †	-4	...	5.0	8.3
1663	1525	Sth Staffs	1663	+38	...	3.9	12.0
675	484	South West	510 †	+2	...	6.2	7.6
611	434½	Thames Water	507½	+2½	...	5.5	8.7
744	546	Welsh Water	646 †	+3	...	4.9	7.1
750½	581	Wessex Water	627 †	+3	...	4.7	9.1
630	458	Yorkshire W	530½	-1½	...	5.3	8.1

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; * Ex rights issue; ■ Ex all; • Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100	Treas 9% 1994	100		8.92	5.53
107	102	Treas 12% 1995	102		11.69	5.82
98	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.05	5.36
107	103	Exch 10¼% 1995	103		9.91	6.48
113	107	Treas 12¾% 1995	107		11.92	6.83
117	109	Treas 14% 1996	109		12.80	7.00
121	112	Treas 15¼% 1996	112		13.54	7.25
117	109	Exch 13¼% 1996	109		12.09	7.29
112	104	Conv 10% 1996	104		9.56	7.65
121	111	Treas 13¼% 1997	111		11.84	7.81
114	105	Exch 10½% 1997	105		9.92	7.91
110	101	Treas 8¾% 1997	101		8.59	8.10
131	118	Exch 15% 1997	118		12.63	8.22
114	104	Exch 9¾% 1998	104		9.36	8.36
106	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	98		7.49	8.33
102	94	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95		7.10	8.44
131	116	Treas 14% 1998-01	117		11.95	8.58
140	124	Treas 15½% 1998	124		12.48	8.41
125	111	Exch 12% 1998	111		10.73	8.60
11[illegible]	103	Treas 9½% 1999	10[illegible]		9.18	8.56

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	89	Treas 6% 1999	90 †		6.65	8.43
129	113	Exch 12¼% 1999	113		10.81	8.69
121	106	Treas 10½% 1999	107		9.81	8.66
121	105	Conv 10¼% 1999	106		9.65	8.74
116	101	Conv 9% 2000	101 †		8.87	8.68
136	118	Treas 13% 2000	118		10.94	8.85
108	90	Treas 7% 2001	91		7.68	8.70
122	104	Treas 10% 2001	105 †		9.47	8.86
123	103	Treas 9¾% 2002	104 †		9.30	8.80
113	94	Treas 8% 2003	95		8.39	8.75
127	105	Treas 10% 2003	107 †		9.34	8.85
129	110	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111		10.27	9.07
86	71	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72		4.84	7.47
105	85	Treas 6¾% 2004	87		7.73	8.62
125	103	Conv 9½% 2004	104		9.09	8.80
125	103	Conv 9½% 2005	105		9.05	8.76
143	119	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120		10.34	9.12
111	93	Treas 8% 2002-06	94		8.51	8.79
112	91	Treas 7¾% 2006	92 †		8.34	8.70
136	113	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115		10.21	9.14
119	96	Treas 8½% 2007	98		8.64	8.70
151	125	Treas 13½% 2004-08	126	-1	10.65	9.11
124	101	Treas 9% 2008	[illegible]		8.76	8.66

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	93	Treas 8% 2009	94		8.47	9.66
126	101	Conv 9% 2011	103		8.72	8.64
127	101	Treas 9% 2012	102		8.70	8.62
93	72	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73 †	-1	7.53	8.37
114	91	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	-1	8.39	8.55
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	94		8.46	8.54
159	127	Exch 12% 2013-17	129		9.25	8.78
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	102 †		8.58	8.54

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	39	War Ln 3½%	40		8.65	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	28		8.90	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	199 †		2.86	4.02
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107		2.91	3.64
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165		3.47	3.86
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160		3.57	3.88
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108		3.57	3.86
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	167		3.60	3.85
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151		3.66	3.86
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156		3.69	3.87
146	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129 †		3.71	3.88
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137		3.73	3.89
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131		3.76	3.89
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109		3.74	3.86
12[illegible]	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108		3.78	3.91

East Of The Moon can rise above her Marois rivals

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

A VINTAGE year for milers which has already spawned thrilling performances by Distant View and Grand Lodge can scale new heights of excellence at Deauville tomorrow when a high-class field lines up for the Prix Jacques le Marois.

Although the defection of Turtle Island, caused by stepping on a stone, has removed some of the gloss from the group one race, it still promises to be a battle royal between English and French runners, with last year's winner, Sayyedati, leading the invasion force.

Since 1987 François Boutin has won the race with Miesque (twice), Priolo, Hector Protector and Exit To Nowhere. Four of those winners were owned by Stavros Niarchos, whose Normandy stud, Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard, sponsors the Jacques le Marois.

Tomorrow, the Boutin-Niarchos combination is represented by East Of The Moon, a daughter of the brilliant Miesque, who has only raced four times but has already won the French 1,000 Guineas and Oaks this term.

Boutin is not a man prone to exaggeration but he could not have been more bullish about the prospects of his filly this week. "East Of The Moon is truly very, very well and probably even better than before the Diane [French Oaks]. She is harder and more solid. She has been going very well at home."

Such confidence was reinforced at Newbury yesterday when Cash Asmussen, the filly's big-race jockey, confirmed the well-being of East Of The Moon. "I rode her this morning. She had a gentle spin and we are very hopeful. She is sparkling and she has given us some lovely signals."

In the French Oaks, East Of The Moon's stamina was stretched to the full and it was her courage as much as her talent which enabled her to last home over the 10½-furlong trip. At Longchamp in May, she had looked most impressive when winning the French 1,000 Guineas in decisive style over a mile.

After substantial rain earlier in the week the ground at Deauville has been drying out and, provided there is not a dramatic change in conditions, **East Of The Moon** is a confident selection.

Sayyedati ran her best race of the season when finishing less than four lengths behind the record-breaking Distant View in the Sussex Stakes, despite being denied a clear run two furlongs out. Barathea finished two places in front of her at Goodwood and although Luca Cumani's runner would prefer fast ground, he can confirm the placings.

Emperor Jones, impressive winner of the Lockinge Stakes, seems to find the top grade just above him, although the likely strong pace will suit John Gosden's runner. Mehthaaf's best performances have been with some give in the ground, but John Dunlop's talented filly has not raced for two months.

André Fabre saddles four, including the pacemaking Matelot, but Ski Paradise has by far the best chance of breaking the Boutin stranglehold and is the main danger. Runner-up to Sayyedati here last year, she beat Clive Brittain's filly in a valuable race in Tokyo in the spring and finished an excellent second to Hatoof two weeks ago.

DEAUVILLE TOMORROW

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.25 PRIX DU HARAS DE FRESNAY-LE-BUFFARD JACQUES LE MAROIS (Group I: £114,416: 1m str) (10 runners)

1 (1) 425-142 BARATHEA (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani (GB) 4-9-4 ... M J Kinane 88
2 (7) 6-4123 EMPEROR JONES (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden (GB) 4-9-4 ... L Dettori 90
3 (8) 44002-0 FITZCARRALDO (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani (GB) 4-9-4 ... J Weaver 66
4 (3) 234-105 MATELOT (Shaikh Mohammed) A Fabre 4-9-4 ... W Ryan 83
5 (5) 40-304 SAYYEDATI (Mohammed Obaida) C Brittain (GB) 4-9-1 ... W R Swinburn 92
6 (2) 222-152 SKI PARADISE (T Yoshida) A Fabre 4-9-1 ... Y Take 95
7 (10) 1-2051 SIGNE DIVIN (P de Moussac) A Fabre 3-8-12 ... S Guillot 88
8 (4) 3-1413 MEHTHAAF (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop (GB) 3-8-8 ... W Carson 86
9 (6) 2-1413 LUNAFAIRY (J L Lagardere) A Fabre 3-8-8 ... T Jarnet 91
10 (9) 1-211 EAST OF THE MOON (S Niarchos) F Boutin 3-8-8 ... C Asmussen 92

BETTING: 9-4 East Of The Moon, 11-4 Sayyedati, 7-2 Barathea (coupled with Emperor Jones, Fitzcarraldo and Matelot), 11-2 Ski Paradise, 8-1 Mehthaaf, 10-1 Lunafairy, 12-1 Signe Divin.



JULIAN MUSCAT

Young Ern, nearside, and Pollen Count prove inseparable after a thrilling duel to the Toplist Hungerford Stakes at Newbury

Pollen Count and Young Ern share spoils

By Julian Muscat

PHOTO-FINISH equipment has undergone considerable refinement since its introduction at British racecourses. Just occasionally, however, advances in technology count for nothing, as was demonstrated at Newbury yesterday when the camera could not separate Young Ern and Pollen Count at the conclusion to the Toplist Hungerford Stakes over an extended seven furlongs.

A first dead-heat in the race's 45-year history was entirely appropriate, too, as neither horse deserved the anonimity of second place. Pollen Count, once riddled by injury, fought like a lion to preserve his slender advantage while Young Ern, for his part, was burdened by his 3lb penalty. It would be equally unjust to declare a moral winner to this thrilling contest.

John Gosden, the trainer of Pollen Count, seemed particularly satisfied by the judge's pronouncement. "I looked at the official photo with Simon Dow [trainer of Young Ern] and we both agreed we wouldn't take it home and blow it up for further examination," Gosden said. "My horse was in front a stride before the line and behind a stride after, so we'll settle for a share of the spoils."

Gosden's training ability requires no further expansion, but in Young Ern, Dow could ask for no better advertisement of his talents. The Epsom-based handler has wrought significant improvement from his four-year-old, who has been campaigned exculsively in group company since his seasonal debut at York. One man delighted with his endeavours will be Lord Carnarvon, the chairman of Newbury racecourse, who stands Young Ern's sire, Efisio, at his neighbouring Highclere Stud.

Supporters of Unblest, who snatched third place from Swing Low, will be interested to hear that his trainer, James Fanshawe, was concerned with his colt. After Unblest had hung fire when mounting his challenge, Fanshawe felt the three-year-old sustained a physical ailment.

Another favourite to disappoint was Myself, who was clearly not herself in the Aristo Washington Singer Stakes over seven furlongs. This daughter of Nashwan, placed in the Queen Mary and Cherry Hinton Stakes, looked poised for a comfortable victory when she went to the front two furlongs from home. However, she swerved markedly to her right, allowing Lammtarra to sweep through for a winning debut.

Time may show Myself's defeat to be no slur. Lammtarra is an imposing son of Nijinsky and Snow Bride and his trainer, Alex Scott, harbours no doubts about his potential. "He is bred to be a Derby horse and he's been entered in every big race to come," Scott said.

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

2.00 Maid For Walking
2.30 Hello Mister
3.00 Red Route
3.30 ROYAL SEATON (nap)
4.05 Crested Knight
4.35 Bellas Gate Boy
5.05 I'lleaveitoyou

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.0 Maid For Walking. 5.05 Istinsaar.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.00 MANTON ST HUGH'S STAKES BBC1
(2-Y-O fillies: £10,878: 5f 34yd) (8 runners)

101 (4) 632411 CROFTERS CEILIDH 16 (D,F) (Mrs M Meddings) B McMahon 8-11 ... J Reid 93
102 (3) 1215 LIMERICK BELLE 43 (CD,G,S) (Godolphin) J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll 91
103 (5) 21012 MAID FOR WALKING 21 (D,F,S) (C Brasher) D Loder 8-11 ... L Dettori 88
104 (6) 1106 POLLY PARTICULAR 57 (D,G,S) (J Ranson) C Fairhurst 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 85
105 (8) 16 DOCTOR'S GLORY 21 (CD,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 8-8 W R Swinburn 81
106 (2) 1 EASY OPTION 109 (D,S) (Mrs S Davis) W Jarvis 8-8 ... T Quinn 89
107 (7) 01 FAIRYBIRD 9 (D,F) (Locavan Stud) R Hannon 8-8 ... K Darley 69
108 (1) 2101 QUIZ TIME 7 (D,F) (Lady Fairhaven) M Prescott 8-8 ... B Duffield 95

BETTING: 9-4 Maid For Walking, 3-1 Quiz Time, 5-1 Crofters Ceilidh, 7-1 Limerick Belle, 8-1 Polly Particular, Easy Option, Doctor's Glory, 10-1 Fairybird

1993: PETULA 8-8 M Hills (8-1) M Bell 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

CROFTERS CEILIDH beat Mediate 5l in 7-runner handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to firm). Previously beat Lochbroom Commando 1½l in nursery at York (5f, good to firm). LIMERICK BELLE beat The Jotter ¾l in 9-runner conditions race over course and distance (good) on penultimate start. MAID FOR WALKING ¾l 2nd of 8 to Tajannub in group III Princess Margaret Stakes at Ascot (6f, good to firm) with DOCTOR'S GLORY (3lb better off) 8½l 6th. POLLY PARTICULAR best effort when beating Rupert's Princess 4l in 7-runner conditions race at Windsor (5f, good). EASY OPTION beat Thick As Thieves (subsequent winner) 6l in 7-runner maiden auction at Nottingham (5f, good to soft). FAIRYBIRD beat Mystic Lure short-head in 10-runner maiden at Pontefract (5f, good to firm). QUIZ TIME beat Valerie 6l in 8-runner conditions race at Lingfield (5f, good to firm).
Selection: CROFTERS CEILIDH

2.30 JOHN SCOTT 80TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP
(£5,020: 5f 34yd) (12 runners)

201 (11) 0305-50 BOLD LEZ 120 (CD,F,G,S) (Ansells of Watford) M Haynes 7-10-0 ... M Roberts 90
202 (4) 061000 ANSELLMAN 49 (D,S) (Ansells of Watford) J Berry 4-9-12 ... J Carroll 94
203 (3) 064201 PADDY CHALK 28 (CD,F,G) (Mrs R Wellman) L Holt 8-9-11 ... J Reid 92
204 (1) 005152 HELLO MISTER 19 (BF,D,F,G,S) (B Mitten) J O'Donoghue 3-9-11 P McCabe (5) 93
205 (6) 014110 PRINCESS OBERON 15 (D,F,G) (R Michaelson) M Bell 4-9-11 ... M Hills 91
206 (10) 010303 ASHTINA 9 (D,F,G,S) (Ms S Joyner) R Hodges 9-9-9 ... L Dettori 94
207 (2) 20-1020 DARK EYED LADY 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Gutkin) D Arbuthnot 4-9-8 ... T Quinn 92
208 (9) 354-000 ISABELLA SHARP 46 (D,S) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 3-9-8. Mark Denaro (7) 92
209 (12) 0-60400 POYLE GEORGE 28 (CD,F,G,S) (C Wiggins) M Blanshard 3-9-5 ... W Ryan 88
210 (5) 400650 MASTER OF PASSION 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Ivey) J Eustace 5-9-3 ... Pat Eddery 98
211 (8) 203631 AUGHFAD 8 (V,CD,F,G,S) (M MacCarthy) Mrs M McCourt 8-9-1 ... B Thomson 95
212 (7) 040040 BELLS OF LONGWICK 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Wickham) D Lang 5-8-8 T Williams 95

BETTING: 5-1 Paddy Chalk, 6-1 Hello Mister, Ashtina, 7-1 Master Of Passion, Aughfad, 8-1 Bold Lez, Poyle George, 10-1 others.

1993: HEAVEN-LIEGH-GREY 5-8-8 K Darley (15-2) J Berry 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

PADDY CHALK beat DARK EYED LADY (2lb better off) ¾l in 9-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with ASHTINA (4lb better off) head 3rd and POYLE GEORGE (8lb better off) 4¾l 7th. HELLO MISTER best effort beat Roving Minstrel 1½l in 8-runner handicap at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). PRINCESS OBERON beat Tino Tere 1l in 9-runner handicap at Newcastle (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. ASHTINA neck and short-head 3rd of 4 to Shikari's Son in handicap at Brighton (5f 213yd, firm). POYLE GEORGE best effort 4½l 4th of 6 to Mr M-E-N in claimer at Sandown (5f, good). AUGHFAD beat Brookhead Lady ¾l in 10-runner claimer at Haydock (6f, good).
Selection: HELLO MISTER

3.00 TRIPLEPRINT GEOFFREY FREER STAKES BBC1
(Group II: £41,726: 1m 5f 61yd) (6 runners)

301 (6) 43231-0 FORESEE 20 (B,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Oxx 4-9-6 ... L Dettori 96
302 (3) 414300 SHAMBO 16 (CD,F,G) (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 7-9-6 ... M Roberts 98
303 (2) 006-210 SILVER WISP 57 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 5-9-6 ... M Hills 92
304 (4) 2318-04 MUHAYAA 15 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 5-9-3 ... W R Swinburn 98
305 (1) 44-5340 SHAREEK 39 (V,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-3 ... Pat Eddery 92
306 (5) 22121 RED ROUTE 37 (G) (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 3-8-5 ... W Ryan 88

BETTING: 6-4 Red Route, 4-1 Foresee, 9-2 Shambo, 5-1 Silver Wisp, Shareek, 7-1 Muhayaa.

1993: AZZILFI 3-8-5 W Carson (5-1) J Dunlop 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

FORESEE 4¾l 5th of 9 to Sternkonig in group I Preis der Privatbankiers Merck, Finck & Co at Dusseldorf (1m 4f, good to firm). SHAMBO 10½l 7th of 12 to Wagon Master in group II Princess of Wales Stakes at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start with SHAREEK about ½l 8th and FORESEE 1l 9th. SILVER WISP beat Apple Tree head in 8-runner group II Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start with SHAREEK (3lb better off) 2½l 5th. MUHAYAA 3¼l 4th of 8 to Duke Of Eurolink in listed handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, firm). RED ROUTE beat Summit 4l in 7-runner listed race at Newmarket (1m 7f, good).
Selection: RED ROUTE

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RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Windsor (first race, 2.30). Hamilton Park (2.15).
TUESDAY: York (C4, 2.05), Folkestone (2.15).
WEDNESDAY: York (C4, 2.05), Carlisle (2.10), Yarmouth (2.20), Kempton Park (Sky, 5.40), Hereford (Sky, 5.50).
THURSDAY: York (C4, 2.05), Ayr (2.10), Yarmouth (2.20), Salisbury (Sky, 5.35), Uttoxeter (Sky, 5.50).
FRIDAY: Sandown Park (C4, 2.00), Chester (2.30), Perth (2.15).
SATURDAY: Sandown Park (C4, 2.00), Chester (1.55), Ripon (2.10), Perth (2.20), Market Rasen (Sky, 5.40), Wolverhampton (Sky, 7.00).

Flat metings in bold

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.30 HARCROS TIMBER AND BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES HANDICAP BBC1
(Qualifier: £7,668: 1m 4f 5yd) (14 runners)

401 (1) 3010-50 TAPIS ROUGE 26 (C,G,S) (M Pipe) T Caldwell 5-10-0 ... J Carroll 98
402 (2) 130 ON AIR 68 (G,S) (J Reus) N Gaselee 6-9-13 ... B Rouse 87
403 (8) 0-15005 ROYAL SEATON 18 (C,F,G,S) (Axminster Carpets) B Millman 5-9-11 ... D Holland 97
404 (10) 0/01622- WHITECHAPEL 147J (D,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-9 W R Swinburn 90
405 (9) 410211 STATAJACK 21 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 6-9-8 ... T Quinn 93
406 (6) 115-554 BLAZE AWAY 50 (F,G) (F Mallon) I Balding 3-9-4 ... L Dettori 94
407 (11) 1452 NEW REPUTATION 65 (D,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-9-0 ... M Hills 95
408 (14) 51-05 PEMBRIDGE PLACE 66 (BF,S) (Lady Cohen) J Dunlop 3-8-12 ... Pat Eddery 94
409 (13) 301420 ZERMATT 28 (S) (Charles Gwent) M Usher 4-8-12 ... B Thomson 97
410 (5) 04210 JAVA SHRINE 45 (BF,F) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-8-12 ... D Griffiths (7) 96
411 (4) 122660- ROBERTY LEA 270J (CD,F,G,S) (Wensdale Const) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-11 K Darley 88
412 (3) 655-132 ISLE OF PEARLS 14 (G) (Mrs B Lazarus) Lady Herries 4-8-9 ... J Reid 95
413 (7) 2162 MISTER KITE 21 (F) (Mrs H Slack) A Stewart 3-8-8 ... S Whitworth 92
414 (12) 11-0200 ART TATUM 19 (G,S) (R Cohen & Mr A Merritt) R Hannon 3-7-13 ... G Bardwell 88

BETTING: 11-2 Isle Of Pearls, 6-1 On Air, Pembridge Place, 7-1 New Reputation, 8-1 Statajack, Mister Kite, Royal Seaton, 10-1 others.

1993: GENERAL MOUKTAR 8-0 A McGlone (5-1) M Pipe 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ON AIR 5¾l 3rd of 6 to Linpac West in conditions race here (1m 2f, soft) on penultimate start. ROYAL SEATON 2¾l 5th of 13 to Desert Shot in handicap at Goodwood (1m 2f, firm). WHITECHAPEL head 2nd of 21 to Derab in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to soft). STATAJACK beat MISTER KITE short-head in 5-runner handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm). NEW REPUTATION 3½l 2nd of 6 to Endless Light in handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with PEMBRIDGE PLACE (1lb better off) 1½l 5th. JAVA SHRINE beat Griddle Cake 6l in 6-runner apprentice jockeys maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, firm) on penultimate start. ISLE OF PEARLS neck 2nd of 5 to Mellaby in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, firm).
Selection: NEW REPUTATION (nap)

4.05 EBF YATTENDON MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,078: 7f) (23 runners)

501 (23) ATH CHEANNAITHE (E Cleary) J Moore 9-0 ... A Clark –
502 (9) 33 AT LIBERTY 105 (B Adams) R Hannon 9-0 ... R Perham 78
503 (2) BAHRI (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ... R Hills –
504 (7) CHAHAYA TIMOR (HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 9-0 ... C Rutter –
505 (3) CHATTAROY (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... L Dettori –
506 (13) 6 CHERRINGTON 22 (Shaikh Mohammed) G Wragg 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 89
507 (12) 5 CRESTED KNIGHT 29 (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 9-0 ... D Holland 88
508 (11) 4 DELIGAN 15 (Z Galadari) N Callaghan 9-0 ... M Roberts 95
509 (4) DON'T MEAN A THING (B Lalemant) R Hannon 9-0 ... R Hughes –
510 (20) 430 FORZAIR 28 (D Mort) M McCormack 9-0 ... S Whitworth 88
511 (1) 04 GOOD 23 (W Coleman) D Thom 9-0 ... G Duffield 57
512 (6) HOLTYE (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 ... Pat Eddery –
513 (16) KAF (Prince A Faisal) J Dunlop 9-0 ... B Thomson –
514 (18) 0 LAAL 15 (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 ... W Ryan 87
515 (5) LATIN LILT (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 9-0 ... W Newnes –
516 (8) MACKOOK (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn –
517 (22) 2 MASTER MILLFIELD 10 (C Hill) C Hill 9-0 ... J Quinn 79
518 (19) NORFOLK GLORY (Lady D Watts) D Murray Smith 9-0 ... K Darley –
519 (17) ROYAL COLLEGE (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn –
520 (14) 0 SPITFIRE BRIDGE 29 (D Clarke) M McCormack 9-0 ... J Carroll 77
521 (15) THOMAS CROWN (P Green) R Hannon 9-0 ... M Hills –
522 (10) VARNISHING DAY (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... J Reid –
523 (21) PHANTOM GOLD (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 ... D Harrison –

BETTING: 9-2 Holtye, 5-1 Deligan, 6-1 Varnishing Day, 7-1 Chattaroy, 8-1 Crested Knight, 10-1 others.

1993: PENCADER 9-0 D Holland (4-6 fav) P Chapple-Hyam 23 ran

4.35 LEVY BOARD NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £5,150: 7f 64yd) (13 runners)

601 (2) 6144 CAMICIA 9 (G) (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 9-7 ... L Dettori 90
602 (6) 422 BEAUFORT SEA 44 (BF) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-6 ... Pat Eddery 92
603 (13) 421 ELITE JUSTICE 18 (D,F) (Elite Racing Club) P Cole 9-4 ... T Quinn 92
604 (7) 0620 RISING DOUGH 8 (S Pennick) G L Moore 9-1 ... A Clark 89
605 (10) 65531 MENAS GOLD 14 (D,F) (T Mountain) S Dow 9-1 ... M Roberts 93
606 (11) 634533 LADY DAVENPORT 35 (G) (N O'Callaghan) M Channon 9-1 ... Paul Eddery 91
607 (1) 446 MOONEE VALLEY 52 (P Savill) R Hannon 8-13 ... K Darley 90
608 (5) 002 BELLAS GATE BOY 35 (V McCalla) Miss H Knight 8-10 ... B Thomson 96
609 (8) 4030 PEWTER LASS 33 (A Aitken) M Blanshard 8-6 ... W Ryan 93
610 (9) 032 AMALTHAEA 19 (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-5 ... M Hills 88
611 (12) 0350 FRESH LOOK 52 (C Sumner) R Johnson Houghton 8-4 ... D Holland 97
612 (4) 364 HYDROFOIL 47 (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 8-3 ... D Harrison 85
613 (3) 0350 NAUTICAL JEWEL 14 (Sporting Partners) M Usher 7-13 ... J Quinn 98

BETTING: 5-1 Elite Justice, 6-1 Beaufort Sea, Amalthaea, 7-1 Camicia, Bellas Gate Boy, 8-1 others.

1993: DUTY TIME 8-10 W Carson (100-30 fav) J Dunlop 9 ran

5.05 ANDOVER RATED HANDICAP (£10,433: 7f) (18 runners)

1 (15) 425121- NIGHT MELODY 303 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) R Hannon 4-9-7 ... K Darley 89
2 (8) 000150 EVERGLADES 7 (C,D,F,G) (Miss S Oppenheimer) R Charlton 6-9-5 ... Pat Eddery 94
3 (5) 030-302 RISK MASTER 75 (CD,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 5-9-4 ... D Holland 94
4 (4) 0-02040 CLASSIC SKY 42 (CD,F,G) (Saeed Suhail) B Hanbury 3-9-2 ... W R Swinburn 93
5 (12) 1-53003 DIESAN 21 (BF,D,G,S) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 3-9-2 ... L Dettori 90
6 (16) 021560 WINGED VICTORY 35 (CD,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-12 ... D Griffiths (7) 95
7 (10) 1530-00 FIRST VEIL 95 (D,G) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 4-8-9 ... W Newnes 90
8 (11) 15-6 TABLAH 168 (S) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-9 ... Paul Eddery 88
9 (9) 005121 I'LLEAVEITOYOU 15 (CD,F,G) (R Hawthorn) S Dow 4-8-8 ... A Whelan (7) 95
10 (13) 0-12401 ABSOLUTE MAGIC 35 (D,F,S) (Mrs B Bassett) W Haggas 4-8-8 ... M Hills 91
11 (1) 050000 BAND ON THE RUN 7 (D,F,G,S) (D Allen) B McMahon 7-8-7 ... J Reid 95
12 (14) 21-226 CAJUN CADET 93 (BF,C,S) (M Pescod) R Charlton 3-8-7 ... S Raymont 89
13 (7) 100-104 SO INTREPID 35 (S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-8-7 ... J Quinn 95
14 (18) 0-00010 NEITHER NOR 57 (D,F,G,S) (T Foley-Smith) D Wilson 5-8-7 ... J Carroll 93
15 (17) 31200/0 POLONEZ PRIMA 105 (D,F,G) (D Tumay) J Banks 7-8-7 ... L Newton (5) –
16 (6) 3210 ISTINSAAR 16 (G) (H Al Maktoum) A Scott 3-8-4 ... R Hills 91
17 (3) 125-000 BAROSSA VALLEY 14 (B,C,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-4 B Thomson 88
18 (2) 46-2160 BLURRED IMAGE 73 (D,F,S) (N Ahamad) R Hannon 3-8-3 ... M Roberts 91

Long handicap: So Intrepid 8-5, Neither Nor 8-4, Polonez Prima 8-3.
BETTING: 7-1 Diesan, 8-1 Absolute Magic, Risk Master, I'lleaveitoyou, 10-1 Cajun Cadet, 12-1 others.

1993: IHTIRAZ 3-9-0 R Hills (7-1) H Thomson Jones 16 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Chapple-Hyam	27	81	33.3	Pat Eddery	50	262	19.1
H Cecil	22	90	24.4	L Dettori	33	195	16.9
J Gosden	28	121	23.1	D Harrison	10	65	15.4
J Berry	8	44	18.2	J Reid	29	202	14.4
R Charlton	17	105	16.2	W R Swinburn	24	172	14

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Red Route to show way home

NEWBURY
BBC1

2.00: Quiz Time broke the juvenile five furlong record at Lingfield last Saturday when winning by six lengths. Sir Mark Prescott's runner has done all her running on a fast surface, but today's easier ground should not pose a problem. Maid For Walking, a winner on softish ground in May, is the form choice having finished a game second behind Tajannub at Ascot, but David Loder's filly had a tough race that day.

3.00: Rather surprisingly for a group two race, half this field has not won this season and two of the remaining three runners only have a single victory against their names. By contrast, **Red Route**, with two victories and three seconds from five outings, is in sparkling form and is confidently expected to win here before going for the St Leger. Henry Cecil's stoutly bred colt came into his own when stepped up in distance at Newmarket last month. Quickening decisively off a modest pace, he had the listed race won a quarter of a mile from home. Muhayaa steps up in class and trip: Shareek lacks a turn of foot, and Silver Wisp was bitterly disappointing at Ascot. The biggest threat is posed by Foresee, placed in the Irish Derby and Irish St Leger last year.

3.30: Royal Seaton was finishing to good effect behind Desert Shot at Goodwood having been caught slightly flat footed when the pace quickened. In a wide open race, the lightly-raced New Reputation and On Air are open to improvement, but I shall side with **Pembridge Place**, who has ground conditions in his favour for the first time since winning in the mud at York last year.

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Nap: RED ROUTE
(3.00 Newbury)
Next best: El Supremo
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THUNDERER

2.15 Fighter Squadron. 2.45 Storm Heights. 3.15 First Bid. 3.45 Green Palm Tree. 4.15 Lazienki. 4.50 Hickory Blue.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 DON'T WORRY ME.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 WEBB SEAL DOUBLE GLAZING APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,200: 6f) (15 runners)

1 (10) 0035 BLOW DRY 15 (S) P Calver 4-10-0 ... G Parkin 94
2 (2) 2-15 SKY MUSIC 44 (F) Miss S Hall 3-8-12 ... S Mulvey 90
3 (15) 1263 LOCHON 5 (D,G) W Barker 3-9-10 ... S Copp (3) 91
4 (11) 0353 JOHN O'DREAMS 10 (D,F,G) Mrs A King 9-9-7 E Husband 94
5 (12) 0023 PANTHER 7 (D,G) J Hetherton 4-8-6 ... H Bastiman 95
6 (5) 000- SYLVAN STARLIGHT 206J (D,G) J Bradley 4-9-5 ... R Waterfield (5) 88
7 (3) 0000 WILLSHE GAN 24 (F,S) Denys Smith 4-9-5 C Teague (3) 98
8 (1) 0530 FIGHTER SQUADRON 7 (B,F,G) J Glover 5-9-3 ... S Richardson (7) 93
9 (8) 0313 OLD COMRADES 7 (D,BF,F,G) T Barron 7-8-2 ... Kimberley Hart (7) 93
10 (7) 0316 ORIENTAL AIR 7 (F) E Weymes 3-9-0 ... J Stack 92
11 (4) 4031 CAFE SOLO 7 (D,S) N Bycroft 3-8-9 ... B Russell 88
12 (14) 0454 RINUS MANOR 16 D McCain 3-8-8 ... R Painter 86
13 (6) 1466 SOUPERFICIAL 10 (F) J Glover 3-8-5 ... P Bowe (3) 93
14 (13) 0004 STEEL SOVEREIGN 7 (B,D,F) Mrs M Reveley 3-7-12 ... V Halliday 97
15 (9) 0556 LUKES BROTHER 3 Mrs M Reveley 3-7-9 Claire Balding 92

4-1 Sky Music, 6-1 Blow Dry, Lochon, John O'Dreams, 8-1 Panther, 10-1 others.

2.45 WHARFEDALE SELLING HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,158: 1m 2f) (13)

1 (5) 5-62 CULRAIN 30 Miss S Hall 9-7 ... N Connorton 89
2 (9) 6200 DIAMOND CROWN 7 M Ware 8-9 ... K Fallon 91
3 (7) 0462 STORM HEIGHTS 18 M Brittain 8-6 ... J Lowe 91
4 (1) -006 TOOGOODFORYOU 8 (B) J Leigh 8-4 ... J Weaver 86
5 (6) -060 CRYSTAL HEART 66 C Smith 8-4 ... C Hodgson (3) 90
6 (13) 5006 DAME PROSPECT 36 (V) J Glover 8-3 ... S D Williams 88
7 (4) 0500 BRITANNIA MILLS 9 M Chapman 8-3 ... D R McCabe (5) 80
8 (10) 408 QUIXOTRY 52 J Mackie 8-2 ... G Carter 90
9 (12) 0004 FOREST SILK 10 R Whitaker 8-1 ... A Culhane 94
10 (2) 0000 BARNPARK 28 N Bycroft 8-0 ... S Maloney 90
11 (11) 0006 TILLY OWL 8 P Calver 7-13 ... N Carlisle 94
12 (3) 4003 RED MARCH HARE 30 Mrs A Swinbank 7-13 J Marshall (5) 82
13 (6) 0003 AGGIES DREAM 29 J Bradley 7-12 ... L Charnock 91

3-1 Culrain, 5-1 Storm Heights, 7-1 Diamond Crown, Red March Hare, 8-1 others.

3.15 CROWTHER HOMES HANDICAP
(£3,840: 1m 4f 60yd) (9)

1 (2) 0-44 ROSINA MAE 119J (F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-10 K Fallon 86
2 (8) 3164 JUBRAN 14 (C,F,G) M Johnston 8-9-7 ... J Weaver 93
3 (1) 2004 ASKERN 50 (F) J Hanson 3-9-3 ... M Birch 94
4 (4) 2312 COLORFUL AMBITION 19 (BF,G) Mrs A Swinbank 4-8-11 ... N Connorton 92
5 (3) -503 BROCTUNE BAY 11 Mrs M Reveley 5-8-10 ... R Cochrane 95
6 (5) 0200 SCARLET TUNIC 28 (V,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-9 A Munro 93
7 (7) 6105 ERE LEATH-SCEAL 3 (CD,F,G) M Brittain 7-8-7 ... J Lowe 93
8 (6) 5643 FIRST BID 14 (CD,F,S) R Whitaker 7-8-3 ... A Culhane 88
9 (9) 2222 FLOATING LINE 18 (BF,F,S) P Wigham 6-8-1 ... G Carter 94

3-1 Jubran, 9-2 Rosina Mae, 5-1 Colorful Ambition, 7-1 Floating Line, 8-1 others.

3.45 DENYS SMITH SEVENTY TODAY HORN BLOWER CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,411: 5f) (5)

1 (3) 0160 STATO ONE 43 (D,F) M Channon 8-12 ... R Cochrane 84
2 (4) 4130 PUPPET MASTER 14 (G) G Bravery 8-10 ... C Hodgson 88
3 (2) 2213 DON'T WORRY ME 49 (D,F) F Lee 8-7 ... S Perks 88
4 (5) 21 GREEN PALM TREE 14 (D,F) B Hanbury 8-7 ... J Weaver 90
5 (1) 4035 LLOC 15 (D,S) J Berry 8-7 ... G Carter 96

6-4 Green Palm Tree, 3-1 Don't Worry Me, Lloc, 7-1 Puppet Master, 10-1 Stato One.

4.15 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (£7,515: 1m) (16)

1 (11) -461 SWEET MIGNONETTE 7 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-10 ... R Cochrane 94
2 (16) 1140 LAZIENKI 22 (CD,F,G) M Stoute 3-9-8 ... M Fenton (3) 95
3 (13) 4415 SPANISH VERDICT 14 (D,F,S) D Smith 7-9-6 C Teague (7) 96
4 (10) 0063 BEATS WORKING 9 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-8 K Fallon 94
5 (5) 3135 SOMERTON BOY 26 (F,G) P Calver 4-9-7 ... G Carter 91
6 (9) 4-13 ROYAL HILL 75 (BF,G) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-6 ... A Munro 91
7 (7) 0050 AMBER VALLEY 21 (S) J Hanson 2-9-5 ... N Connorton 96
8 (4) 6031 PRIDE OF PENDLE 7 (CD,F,G,S) D Nicholls 5-9-4 ... Alex Greaves 96
9 (8) -300 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 187 (F) J Bradley 5-9-3 ... K Rutter (3) 95
10 (6) 2226 CELESTIAL CHOIR 7 (D,F,G) J Eyre 4-9-2 ... J Fortune 97
11 (15) 0101 BENEFICIARY 22 (F,G,S) M H Easterby 3-9-1 J Stack (7) 88
12 (12) 10-0 SARTIGILA 182J (D,S) M Hammond 5-8-12 J Marshall (5) 93
13 (14) 1250 SELF EXPRESSION 7 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 6-8-10 ... R Lappin 96
14 (3) 3310 COUREUR 7 (D,BF,F) J Bethell 5-8-3 ... J Weaver 98
15 (2) 0362 DRUMDONNA 7 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 4-8-2 ... Dale Gibson 95
16 (1) 6300 RESOLUTE BAY 5 (B,F,G) R Whitaker 8-8-2 ... A Culhane 93

4-1 Sweet Mignonette, 5-1 Beats Working, Lazienki, 8-1 Beneficiary, 10-1 others.

4.50 WENSLEYDALE MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,549: 5f) (12)

1 (12) 00-3 HICKORY BLUE 10 (V) J Glover 4-9-4 ... S D Williams 96
2 (7) 0224 RICH GLOW 15 (B) N Bycroft 3-9-0 ... G Carter 90
3 (9) 00 TENOR 24 R Williams 3-9-0 ... R Cochrane 93
4 (2) THE REAL WHIZZBANG P Felgate 3-9-0 ... S Perks –
5 (4) WHITE SORREL Miss S Hall 3-9-0 ... N Connorton –
6 (5) ALLO DOT J Hetherton 3-8-9 ... N Kennedy –
7 (1) 0-00 BAIRN GLEN 9 G Oldroyd 3-8-9 ... S Webster 60
8 (5) 0060 COREY HILLS 5 N Bycroft 3-8-9 ... Alex Greaves –
9 (3) 3- FUSSY HEN 428 M W Easterby 3-8-9 ... C Munday (7) 80
10 (11) 040 LITTLE NUTMEG 8 D McCain 3-8-9 ... R Painter (5) –
11 (10) SERALE J Tollar 3-8-9 ... J Weaver –
12 (8) 3233 TAFFETA SILK 32 W Jarvis 3-8-9 ... M Tebbutt 88

9-4 Taffeta Silk, 5-2 Hickory Blue, 5-1 Rich Glow, 7-1 Serale, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Stoute, 14 winners from 48 runners, 29.2%; M Channon, 3 from 15, 20.0%; R Williams, 3 from 17, 17.6%; J Berry, 22 from 134, 16.4%; B Hanbury, 3 from 23, 13.0%.
JOCKEYS: R Cochrane, 10 winners from 49 rides, 20.4%; J Weaver, 7 from 45, 15.6%; A Munro, 6 from 41, 14.6%; N Connorton, 12 from 99, 12.1%; M Birch, 19 from 176, 10.8%. Only qualifiers.

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

5.40 Fort Knox. 6.10 Giggleswick Gossip. 6.40 The Chairman. 7.10 Lochbelle. 7.40 Dutosky. 8.10 All The Joys.

GOING: GOOD (TURF); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F 140YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.40 BLACKBERRY LANE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (Turf: £2,782: 7f 140yd) (16 runners)

1 0031 THE LITTLE FERRET 10 (D,F) G L Moore 4-10-6 L Suthern (8) 6
2 20-6 SILVER GROOM 40 (F,S) R Akehurst 4-10-8 ... R Moogan (8) 16
3 05-5 WILLINGLY 21 H Candy 4-10-8 ... Sarah Holland (10) 12
4 2340 ON Y VA 8 (D,G,S) R Williams 7-10-0 ... Sarah Thompson (3) 7
5 6161 WHATEVER'S RIGHT 28 (CD,F,G) M Usher 5-9-10 ... C Adamson (8) 3
6 00-6 STEVIE'S WONDER 221 (C,G) T Mills 4-9-6 ... D Toole (3) 15
7 0001 FORT KNOX 11 (D,F) R Flower 3-9-4 ... Martin Dwyer (3) 2
8 4000 COURTING NEWMARKET 17 (CD,G) Mrs A Knight 6-9-0 ... Marie Plowright (5) 14
9 0660 CALISAR 7 (D,G,S) P Howling 4-9-0 ... Debbie Biggs (8) 10
10 0400 BILL MOON 7 (C,D,F,G) P Felden 8-8-11 ... Jo Hunnam (5) 1
11 5102 MAGICATION 4 (D,BF,F,G) C Allen 4-8-10 Karen Markham (10) 9
12 0080 DAM CERTAIN 10 (CD,F,G) R Ingram 5-8-7 ... A Lakeman (5) 4
13 030 WIDE BERTH 16 C Cyzer 3-8-6 ... B Thomas (3) 5
14 -000 CUCKMERE VENTURE 73 P Clarke 4-8-1 ... Iona Wands (3) 11
15 00-5 LUCKY LIZZY 22 A Foster 3-7-9 ... M Henry (5) 8
16 0/0- LADY BUNTING 438 (F) Miss B Sanders 7-7-8 ... Amanda Bowen (10) 13

5-1 The Little Ferret, 6-1 Whatever's Right, 7-1 Magication, Fort Knox, 7-1 others.

6.10 CROCKHAM HILL SELLING STAKES
(Turf: 2-Y-O: £2,608: 6f) (15)

1 5600 SAXON HEIR 7 (V,G) M Usher 9-4 ... C Adamson (7) 15
2 3100 GIGGLESWICK GOSSIP 7 (D,F) M Channon 8-13 R Hughes 10
3 008 GUEST ALLIANCE 25 A Moore 8-11 ... Candy Morris 14
4 000 SAPPHIRE SON 19 C Williams 8-11 ... P Robinson 9
5 0 TENNYSON BAY 24 J Long 8-11 ... A Tucker 4
6 BAILEYS BY CHOICE (B) B McMath 8-6 ... E Johnson 5
7 0 BILLS PLOUGHGIRL 9 J Moore 8-6 ... D O'Neill (7) 13
8 0 COMRADES LUCY 14 T Jones 8-6 ... R Perham 12
9 050 IRISH ANGEL 9 B Richmond 8-6 ... J Williams 1
10 JOSENO B Palling 8-6 ... T Sprake 6
11 MAERSK ACE J Bridger 8-6 ... T Williams 8
12 0004 MISS ELECTRA 9 M Blanshard 8-6 ... C Rutter 7
13 006 NAN GREAVES 49 (V) G L Moore 8-6 ... B Rouse 3
14 50 NEVER SO RITE 67 D Arbuthnot 8-6 ... D Wright (5) 11
15 50 OOR WEE SAINTIE 53 (B) J Scargill 8-6 ... N Adams 2

5-2 Miss Electra, 7-2 Saxon Heir, 5-1 Giggleswick Gossip, 7-1 others.

6.40 TOGS HILL RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (Turf: £2,831: 2m) (4)

1 000 BRUMON 22 A Stewart 3-8-9 ... S Whitworth 3
2 066 LOCKSMAN 28 J Gosden 3-8-9 ... G Hind 4
3 4222 THE CHAIRMAN 42 (B) P Cole 3-8-9 ... C Rutter 1
4 2020 SHAMWARI 26 J Hills 3-8-4 ... D Harrison 2

11-8 The Chairman, 9-4 Locksman, 3-1 Brumon, 9-2 Shamwari.

7.10 ANZANI HANDICAP
(Turf: £3,288: 1m 3f 106yd) (14)

1 5233 RIVAL BID 19 (C,BF,G) M Jarvis 6-10-0 ... J Reid 14
2 0618 KARACHI 14 (D,G) C Brittain 4-9-8 ... G Crealock 3
3 3464 PAMPERED GUEST 15 (B,F) M Bell 3-9-1 ... M Hills 2
4 6-00 PROTON 57 R Akehurst 4-9-0 ... A Clark 5
5 6132 LOCHBELLE 15 (F) I Balding 3-8-12 ... D Griffiths (7) 4
6 1650 CHARLIE BIGTIME 15 (F,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-11 ... D Wright (5) 12
7 5640 PRESTON GUILD 8 (C,G,S) R Williams 4-8-9 ... D Harrison 1
8 0251 ROCQUAINE BAY 17 (F) M Bolton 7-8-6 ... A McGlone 11
9 -803 LASSIE 19 (D,G) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-6 ... W Newnes 6
10 0300 VALIANT TOSKI 21 (V) N Graham 3-8-4 ... J Williams 9
11 0000 BRONZE MAQUETTE 83 (G) B McMath 4-8-4 ... E Johnson 8
12 -006 DANDINI 16 (V) M Dixon 3-8-3 ... – 7
13 0200 CAROLE'S KING 8J (F) K Burke 8-7-8 ... N Adams 10
14 0-00 SOPHIE MAY 101 M Dixon 3-7-8 ... N Gwilliams 13

4-1 Rival Bid, 5-1 Rocquaine Bay, 6-1 Pampered Guest, Lochbelle, 8-1 others.

7.40 SAXBY HANDICAP (AW: £3,024: 1m 2f) (14)

1 2411 PRINCELY GAIT 7 (C,G) C Cyzer 3-10-0 ... N Hall (7) 4
2 0002 IKHTIRAA 17 (C,G,S) P Mitchell 4-9-10 ... D Wright (5) 2
3 5311 WALDO 19 (V,F) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-9 ... D Harrison 13
4 2002 DUTOSKY 28 (D,F,G,S) R Williams 4-9-7 ... M Hills 11
5 2250 PRINCE OF GAELS 11 M McCormack 3-9-6 ... J Reid 10
6 1063 NORMAN WARRIOR 83 (B,S) D Morris 5-9-4 ... G Hind 14
7 -600 TELEPHUS 10 (D,F) B McMath 5-9-0 ... J Williams 5
8 -101 YOUNG FACT 7 (CD,F,G) A Newcombe 9-9-0 ... S Raymont 3
9 5022 ROLLING WATERS 7 J Toller 4-9-0 ... W Newnes 6
10 2866 HATTA SUNSHINE 16 (CD,G) A Moore 4-8-13 ... A Clark 1
11 0335 DON'T DROP BOMBS 9 (C,BF,G) P Felden 5-8-5 ... Jo Hunnam (7) 9
12 4065 ZALAMERA 17 (V) L Holt 3-8-4 ... A McGlone 7
13 65/0 GIVE IN 8 (G,S) Miss G Kelleway 7-8-2 ... C Rutter 8
14 0340 VINTAGE TIMES 16 C Cyzer 3-8-0 ... T Williams 12

4-1 Princely Gait, 9-2 Norman Warrior, 5-1 Waldo, 6-1 Dutosky, Ikhtiraa, 8-1 others.

8.10 FELCOURT RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (Turf: 3-Y-O: £2,681: 7f 140yd) (13)

1 0400 DRAGON BOLD 21 L Holt 9-0 ... A McGlone 12
2 5000 GRAND SALT 17 M Haynes 9-0 ... W Newnes 13
3 -450 ROMAN REEL 29 G L Moore 9-0 ... B Rouse 11
4 6000 SERIOUS DANGER 14 M Prescott 9-0 ... G Hind 6
5 0060 STRIDE TO GLORY 16 M McCormack 9-0 ... A Clark 3
6 0030 ALL THE JOYS 18 C Cyzer 8-9 ... J Reid 9
7 0456 BEZIRGAN 9 M Channon 8-9 ... R Hughes 7
8 -646 CAHERASS COURT 7 B Meehan 8-9 ... C Rutter 10
9 -023 DYNAMIS 36 N Graham 8-9 ... J Williams 1
10 0056 EWAR EMPRESS 3 K Cunningham-Brown 8-9 ... D Griffiths (7) 5
11 0324 MEMORY'S GOLD 21 (BF) I Balding 8-9 ... M Hills 4
12 -045 PERYLLYS 18 B Smart 8-9 ... R Perham 8
13 044 ROCK TO SLEEP 35 Lord Huntingdon 8-9 ... D Harrison 2

3-1 Memory's Gold, 4-1 Dynamis, 5-1 Rock To Sleep, 6-1 Peryllys, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Stewart, 5 winners from 17 runners, 29.4%; M Prescott, 29 from 131, 22.1%; J Gosden, 17 from 80, 21.3%; Lord Huntingdon, 29 from 143, 20.3%; N Graham, 7 from 39, 17.9%.
JOCKEYS: S Raymont, 4 winners from 22 rides, 18.2%; M Hills, 49 from 272, 18.0%; G Hind, 6 from 43, 14.0%; J Reid, 21 from 155, 13.5%; W Newnes, 36 from 323, 11.1%.

Mochrie snaps up opportunity to press her claims

By Patricia Davies

A BRAVE soul ventured a question. "How'd you play, Dottie?" "Mediocre," came the reply, more a snarl at full stride than a civil response. That was on Thursday, when Dottie Mochrie, a player Americans, and others, have earmarked for superstardom, had returned a respectable 73, level par, in the first round of the Weetabix Women's British Open at Woburn.

Yesterday, she managed something that was presumably more to her liking — who would dare to ask? — when she stormed round in 66, the best round of the championship so far, to settle on a total of 139, seven under par.

It left the feisty Mochrie, ranked No 3 in the world, one shot behind Liselotte Neumann, from Sweden, who did not drop a shot in a round of 67. Laura Davies, the world No 1, made sure she could not be ignored by matching Mochrie's 66 with a spectacular eagle three at the last, to share third place with Sofia Gronberg, on six under.

In a grandstand finish, Davies, who had not relished being on the course for more than five hours, hit a two-iron off the tee, then belted a six-iron the remaining 185 yards to the hole, leaving herself a tap-in of six inches for her eagle.

Neumann, too old a hand to be overawed by her Solheim Cup team-mate's raw drawing power, made sure of the birdie four that gave her the lead and found herself in prime position to win a title that has so far eluded her. It was the sixth birdie of a virtually flawless round — she three-putted for a par from the front edge of the 10th green — and confirmed that the Swede, 28, third in the US women's Open last month, is in prime form.

Mochrie, who was out in 33, two under par, started her charge at the 10th. She was over the back of the green in two and played a delicate little chip from about 15 yards. "Get in," she commanded in a voice no ball that valued its covering would ignore. It nestled obediently in the hole and the eagle three took her to four under par.

DETAILS

SECOND ROUND: Early leading scores (GB and Ire unless stated). 138: L Neumann (Swe) 71, 67. 139: D Mochrie (US) 73, 66. 140: L Davies 74, 66. 142: K Albers (US) 75, 67. 143: S Gautrey (Aus) 69, 74. Li Wen-Lin (Taiwan) 73, 70; S Gautrey (Aus) 69, 74. P Wright 69, 75. 144: A Sorenstam (Swe) 69, 76; T Abitbol (Sp) 76, 68; K Pearce (Aus) 70, 74; K Tschetter (US) 68, 76; M McGuire (NZ) 71, 73. 145: A Ritzman (US) 69, 76, C Dibnah (Aus) 75, 70; A Nicholas 72, 73; S Redman (US) 74, 71; C Pierce 70, 75. 146: J Geddes (US) 74, 72; H Kobayashi (Japan) 76, 70; S Prosser 74, 72; I Maconi (It) 72, 74. 147: T Hanson (US) 74, 73; E King (US) 73, 74. 148: K Orum (Den) 73, 75; M Lunn (Aus) 73, 75; L-A Mills (US) 72, 76; A Alcott (US) 74, 74.

She was, presumably, pleased because she folded the painted talons on one hand and executed a low-fist — a distant cousin of the children's game "one potato, two potato" and a change from a high-five — with Doug, her husband and caddie. It is difficult to tell if Mochrie is pleased about things or not because her expression usually brings to mind all your mother's warnings about the wind changing, to leave you scowling for ever.

Meanwhile, Davies was demonstrating that she had not lost her touch. Having escaped with a 74 on Thursday after starting with four successive bogeys, she had four birdies in the first six holes, an altogether healthier return that took her into the thick of the action.

She three-putted the 9th, missing rather unnecessarily from 18 inches, but chipped to within seven feet for a birdie four at the 10th, holed from ten feet for a two at the 11th and sank a six-footer for a birdie four at the 13th, having splashed out of a green-side bunker before the massed lenses of no fewer than ten photographers.

"Ridiculous," someone said, referring to the snappers rather than Davies, who was followed by the rucksack-toting hordes that constitute a seasoned Open gallery. They were also able to enjoy the altogether different talents of Neumann, quietly elegant, who demonstrated that sheer power is not the only way to overcome a golf course.

Neumann, ninth on the US money-list, has never doubted her status as a player of world class but she is sometimes overshadowed by the more flamboyant play of Davies and Helen Alfredsson, her fellow Swede, who is, however, in danger of supplanting Nick Faldo as golf's most irritating fiddler and fusser.

She and Mochrie, playing with Karen Lunn, the champion, finished nearly two holes behind the group in front. Lunn disintegrated on the back nine, coming home in 44 for an 82 and a total of 153, seven over par, and in danger of missing the cut.

NICK HOLT



Phelps tackles the pistol-shooting element of the world modern pentathlon championships at Sheffield yesterday

Fencing keeps Phelps on course

By John Goodbody

RICHARD Phelps yesterday began threading his way through the hurly-burly of the qualifying stages in defence of the individual world modern pentathlon title that the Briton took with consummate skill last year.

The field of 193 competitors from 41 countries, including many of the finest all-round athletes in the world, were bussed across Sheffield between three venues as they struggled to reach the 32-man final on Sunday.

Phelps, at 33, in his twelfth year as a senior competitor, was shadowed by a small knot of supporters that included his wife, Teresa, and their nine-month-old son, Aaron. She was wearing a T-shirt that bore the words, "When I grow up I want to be world champion like Richard Phelps", and divided her time between caring for their child and watching her husband with the practised eye of former pentathlete.

Phelps began with a solid 300-metre swim in a time of 3min 18.44sec in the Ponds Forge pool, with Graham Brookhouse, an Olympic team bronze medal-winner with Phelps in 1988, on 3min 19.14sec. Their team-mates, Greg Whyte and James Greenwell, both recorded personal bests.

The shooting was more vexing for Phelps. He has frequently had trouble with this discipline and the change from .22 to air pistols does not seem to have completely alleviated those difficulties. He got only 168 out of 200 and 952 points yesterday, let down by a four on his seventeenth shot. Last year, he scored 1,165 points with a shoot of 192.

Ten years ago, after possibly losing an Olympic title in Los Angeles with a poor performance on the range, he said: "Look, I'm just a bad shot. That is all there is to it. Ever since I have been in the sport I have known that. People keep coming up and talking about my 'problem' and the mental and technical things I should be doing about it. It is getting confusing. But it is not a problem for me. I'm a lousy shooter."

Martin Dawe, the team manager, was fully understanding yesterday. "He is under pressure. There is a lot of attention on him here. All we want to do is to qualify."

The fencing brought Phelps charging up the rankings again. He scored 1,000 points, winning 16 of his 24 epée bouts, while Whyte, fighting alongside him, won 14 of his 24 contests.

IN BRIEF

Dixon has lead as Too Smart stays cool

KAREN Dixon, the winner of a team gold and individual bronze medal at the world three-day-event championships in The Hague two weeks ago, went into the lead on Too Smart at the end of the first day of dressage at the Calor Gas British Open championships at Gatcombe Park yesterday (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Nobody was more surprised at the eight-year-old Too Smart's performance than Dixon: "He was wild when we arrived. I rode him in for an hour and then we lunged him for an hour to try and quieten him down." The result was a beautifully light, rhythmic test that betrayed no sign of his earlier antics.

Matt Ryan, of Australia, the Olympic three-day-event champion who missed the world championships after breaking his pelvis, had a measure of consolation when he finished in second place on Kibah Tic Toc. Pippa Funnell, the 1992 British Open Champion, was equal third with Blyth Tait, the former world champion, on Tempo, and Leslie Law, on Haig.

Higgins plays a team role

SQUASH: Iain Higgins, 17, from Essex, who exceeded all expectations by reaching the semi-finals of the world junior championship last week, raised his game again last night to lead England to a 2-1 defeat of Australia, the defending champions, and a place in the final of the world junior men's team championship in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Chris Tomlinson also won a rubber while Marcus Cowie, England's third-string, lost his match 9-7 in the fifth game. The team meet the favourites, Egypt, in the final.

Final line-up

POLO: The VWH and the Beaufort will meet to contest the final of the Jack Gannon Trophy, for under-21s, as the Pony Club's annual championships take place at Cowdray Park, Midhurst, this weekend. A total of 52 teams are participating in age-group competitions.

Walton record

GOLF: Philip Walton, of Ireland, broke the course record with a seven-under-par 65 to lead the field after the second round of the Hohe Brucke Austrian Open at Haugschlag yesterday. Walton finished 11 under overall, two shots ahead of the Wentworth touring professional, Mark Nichols.

Patel on target

SHOOTING: Parag Patel, 18, from Epsom College, the captain of the Great Britain cadet rifle team, beat the top marksmen of Canada and Britain at Ottawa yesterday to win the Macdonald Stewart Grand Aggregate, Canada's overall championship. Simon Birkenhead, 21, of Cambridge University, was second.

British success

EQUESTRIANISM: Britain won the Nations' Cup of Ireland with a faultless score at the Dublin Horse Show yesterday, their three horses jumping a total of 66 fences without error. The last rider in the event, John Whitaker, on Grannusch, clinched the victory with a clear round, saving Britain from a four-way jump-off.

Strike starts

BASEBALL: *There were fears yesterday that the World Series would not be played for the first time since 1904 after major-league players went on strike. The sport's eighth work stoppage in 22 years is over a financial dispute between players and owners.*

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Half share sold in Eva Luna

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

TONY O'Reilly, chief executive of the Heinz Corporation, has bought a 50 per cent interest in the impressive two-year-old filly Eva Luna, trained by Jim Bolger and the winner of the Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes at Leopardstown six days ago.

O'Reilly had tried to buy into the filly during the week before the Heinz, a race which saw Eva Luna promoted to joint favouritism for next year's 1,000 Guineas.

Eva Luna will run in Mrs Catherine Shubotham's colours this season and in the O'Reilly colours in 1995. Eva Luna's next intended run is the Moyglare Stud Stakes in September.

That is in the long term, but in the short term Bin Ajwaad and Lester Piggott head for the Curragh today, and they look to have a first-class chance of picking up the group three Desmond Stakes over a mile.

Maroof, Mistle Cat and the Michael Stoute-trained Soviet Line also go for Britain against a home defence that looks to rest mainly on Heart Lake and Unusual Heat.

However, Bin Ajwaad, second in last year's French 2,000 Guineas and fifth to Ezzoud in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown, should have the class to win.

Michael Kinane rides the Stoute-trained Highland Dream in the group three Royal Whip Stakes over 12 furlongs, but may have to give best in this four-runner field to the John Oxx-trained Cajarian and last year's Epsom Derby second, Blue Judge.

Alriffa runs in Germany

ALRIFFA (Kevin Darley), trained by Richard Hannon and fourth last time out in the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood, is the sole British challenger in tomorrow's group three BMW Europa Championat at Hoppegarten, Berlin.

The three-year-old will face eight rivals including the John Oxx-trained Gothic Dream (John Murtagh) in the 1½-mile event, which is worth £155,642 to the winner.

The home team challenge is led by the Heinz Jentzsch-trained Laroche, who will be attempting to win his fourth race in a row.

John Dunlop's Harlestone Brook, a winner at Goodwood last month, will be in action at Ostende today against ten rivals in the 2½-mile Prix Gladiateur d'Ostende, a handicap worth £5,609 to the winner. Tony McGlone has the ride.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER
5.55 Kismetim. 6.25 Ruby Heights. 6.55 Ruby Estate. 7.25 Meelaad. 7.55 El Supremo. 8.25 Quantity Surveyor.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.55 EL SUPREMO (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

5.55 LOCAL PRESS FOR NEWS SELLING HANDICAP (£2,174: 1m 6f 15yd) (16 runners)

1 0013 KISMETIM 8 (G) B Meehan 4-10-0 J Tate (3) 3
2 3645 NORTHERN RAINBOW 21 (B,F) R Emery 6-9-12 S Knott (7) 6
3 0360 JAYEN 9 M Channon 3-9-5 Dean McKeown 12
4 0-06 MENA 10 J Payne 4-9-3 G Forster 15
5 64-5 DANZA HEIGHTS 19 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-1 J Fanning 8
6 3013 CARAPELLE 10 (F) M H Easterby 3-9-1 M Birch 11
7 0121 ROSE OF GLENN 17 (D,F,G) B Palling 3-9-0 Stephen Davies (3) 7
8 0000 DALBY SKY 8 B McMahon 3-8-10 G Duffield 10
9 0046 PURE MADNESS 21 J Scargill 4-8-10 T Ives 13
10 0-63 SILVERISTE 19 C Smith 5-8-8 M Wigham 14
11 -060 ADMIRAL ROUS 15 J Pearce 3-8-7 G Bardwell 16
12 6604 TOP PRIZE 2 M Brittain 6-8-6 J Lowe 2
13 6400 DIAMOND IN THE DARK 8 (F,G) J Norton 8-8-5 R Price 5
14 -000 VAIGLY BLAZED 19 C Horgan 10-8-4 N Varley (5) 4
15 5-00 BRUSQUE 64 (G) E Incisa 10-8-4 Kim Tinkler 1
16 0006 KUSH 19 J L Harris 3-7-7 A Mackay 9

5-1 Rose Of Glenn, 6-1 Carapelle, 7-1 Silveriste, Danza Heights, 8-1 Jayen, Kismetim, 10-1 others.

6.25 WILLIAM YOUNGER RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,799: 1m 1f 213yd) (8)

1 0502 EL BAILADOR 22 J Bethell 9-0 A Munro 6
2 0400 FRED'S DELIGHT 109 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 Stephen Davies (3) 8
3 500 PICKET PIECE 14 B Hills 9-0 G Duffield 7
4 6662 TOTAL JOY 43 (BF) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 5
5 -042 CHITA RIVERA 50 (V) P Makin 8-9 W Ryan 3
6 020 EXTRA TIME 14 (V) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 Dean McKeown 2
7 -060 MY TIME 71 J Hills 8-9 S Dawson 4
8 3522 RUBY HEIGHTS 28 (V) W Jarvis 8-9 B Mitchell (7) 1

3-1 Total Joy, 7-2 El Bailador, 4-1 Chita Rivera, 9-2 Extra Time, 5-1 Ruby Heights, 6-1 Picket Piece, 8-1 others.

6.55 BBC RADIO NOTTINGHAM CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,936: 1m 54yd) (10)

1 4000 BROCTUNE GOLD 57 (S) Mrs M Reveley 9-7 K Darley 3
2 1416 HADIER 14 (F,S) P McBride 9-7 M Fenton (3) 9
3 6122 RUBY ESTATE 8 (D,G) M Johnston 9-2 J Weaver 8
4 0 MY HANDY MAN 14 W Musson 9-1 G Faulkner (7) 10
5 -000 PERSIAN HERITAGE 9 (B) J Payne 9-1 G Forster 1
6 0- BOLD JOKER 366 J Wharton 8-13 C Dwyer 6
7 SOON BE SPRING J L Harris 8-13 A Mackay 7
8 0000 PINATUBO 16 H Candy 8-11 S Dawson 4
9 -000 CINDY'S STAR 16 (V) M Heaton-Ellis 8-10 M Roberts 2
10 56-0 MIGHTY KINGDOM 44 R Emery 8-4 Stephen Davies (3) 5

11-4 Broctune Gold, 7-2 Ruby Estate, 4-1 Hadier, 7-1 Mighty Kingdom, 8-1 My Handy Man, Cindy's Star, 10-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 6.10 Baileys By Choice, Nan Greaves, Oor Wee Sainte. 6.40 The Chairman. 7.10 Dandini, Pampered Guest, Valiant Toski. Newbury: 3.00 Shareek. Nottingham: 6.25 Extra Time. 6.55 Cindy's Star, Persian Heritage. 7.25 Ikis Girl. 8.25 Dawalib. Ripon: 4.50 Hickory Blue.

7.25 NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,995: 1m 54yd) (13)

1 1214 PRIZEFIGHTER 5 (D,F,G) S Gollings 9-7 Stephen Davies (3) 4
2 -500 AMIDST 16 (G) M Stoute 9-4 W R Swinburn 9
3 -000 KISSININTHEBACKROW 16 (F) J Hills 9-4 D Holland 12
4 536 BLAZE OF OAK 14 W Haggas 9-1 W Ryan 7
5 -541 TAMSEEQ 9 (D,F) H Thomson Jones 8-13 R Hills 3
6 0226 IKIS GIRL 14 (V,BF) M Bell 8-13 M Fenton (3) 5
7 0245 POSITIVO 12 (D,G) Lord Huntingdon 8-13 L Dettori 8
8 06-4 MILL CITY 14 Miss L Siddall 8-9 T Ives 2
9 2110 BELLEMINETTE 35 (CD,F,G) D Haydn Jones 8-8 A Mackay 10
10 5450 MEELAAD 19 C Brittain 8-7 M Roberts 6
11 0-61 MICHAELMAS PARK 33 (F) R Akehurst 8-5 T Quinn 13
12 5000 GALWAY BLAZER 26 (CD,G) R Williams 8-0 G Bardwell 11
13 0000 ADMIRALELLA 10 (F) J Akehurst 7-13 G Carter 1

3-1 Michaelmas Park, 6-1 Positivo, Tamseeq, 7-1 Amidst, Blaze Of Oak, 8-1 others.

7.55 AMERICAN ADVENTURE THEME PARK MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,246: 6f 15yd) (20)

1 5 BOLLIN FRANK 14 M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 18
2 23 EL SUPREMO 36 D Loder 9-0 L Dettori 11
3 FLICK D Morley 9-0 R Hills 8
4 HIGH FLOWN P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 4
5 NIGHT WINK M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn 7
6 03 NOBLE KINGDOM 14 R Akehurst 9-0 A Munro 2
7 PLATINUM PLUS G Rimmer 9-0 R Price 1
8 03 TOP FELLA 10 W O'Gorman 9-0 T Ives 17
9 045 TOTAL STRANGER 12 T Caldwell 9-0 J Weaver 3
10 TUCAN H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan 15
11 VIN ST KOOLA H Collingridge 9-0 J Fortune 5
12 ABBEY HOUSE R Guest 8-9 G Bardwell 13
13 4 BLAZE DEWITT 57 S Norton 8-9 G Duffield 9
14 BLUE NILE A Stewart 8-9 M Roberts 12
15 COME ON WINN Miss S Wilton 8-9 J Lowe 16
16 8 IN THE SWING 22 P McBride 8-9 M Fenton (3) 10
17 LIGURIAN J Watts 8-9 B Thomson 20
18 LUCKY SOPH B Hills 8-9 D Holland 19
19 0 MISS FELIXSTOWE 24 Mrs M Reveley 8-9 K Darley 6
20 SHARP HOLLY J Bennett 8-9 J Quinn 14

3-1 El Supremo, 4-1 Tucan, 11-2 Night Wink, 7-1 Lucky Soph, High Flown, 8-1 Blue Nile, 10-1 Noble Kingdom, 12-1 others.

8.25 FAMILY NIGHT OUT HANDICAP (£3,366: 1m 54yd) (16)

1 3234 KNOBBLEENEEZE 73 (V,D,BF,F,G,S) M Channon 4-9-13 R Painter (5) 9
2 4412 QUANTITY SURVEYOR 16 (CD,BF,F,G,S) R Akehurst 5-9-11 T Quinn 2
3 0311 QUEENS CONSUL 10 (CD,F) B Rothwell 4-9-11 M Fenton (3) 13
4 -002 HIGH LOW 8 (D,BF,F,G) M Prescott 6-9-7 G Duffield 5
5 1400 DAWALIB 5 (V,D,G) D Haydn Jones 4-9-4 L Dettori 16
6 0544 LEAVE IT TO LIB 21 (D,F) P Calver 7-9-2 J Tate (3) 7
7 3312 BALLYRANTER 5 (V,D,F,G) H Collingridge 5-8-13 J Quinn 4
8 2534 GUESSTIMATION 15 (D,BF,G,S) J Pearce 5-8-12 G Bardwell 15
9 0642 NOBBY BARNES 8 (D,F,G) E Incisa 5-8-12 Kim Tinkler 6
10 4361 AVISHAYES 7 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-8-11 K Darley 3
11 2100 PRINCE SONGLINE 7 (F,G) R Boss 4-8-10 W Ryan 12
12 0155 MR CUBE 15 (V,D,F,G) J Bradley 4-8-8 R Waterfield (7) 11
13 1030 MOHICAN BRAVE 16 (B,D,G) J L Harris 4-8-6 A Mackay 14
14 1140 GOLD DESIRE 8 (D,BF,G,S) M Brittain 4-7-12 J Lowe 8
15 0000 ROSSINGTON 53 I Campbell 4-7-12 Dale Gibson 1
16 0433 EAST BARNS 7 (B,D,F,G) S Gollings 6-7-7 M Baird (7) 10

6-1 Avishayes, 7-1 Quantity Surveyor, High Low, 8-1 Queens Consul, Nobby Barnes, Ballyranter, 10-1 Knobbleeneeze, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 27 winners from 70 runners, 38.6%; W Haggas, 4 from 13, 30.8%; P Cole, 14 from 74, 18.9%; M Prescott, 7 from 37, 18.9%, D Morley, 14 from 77, 18.2%; J Hills, 5 from 29, 17.2%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 25 winners from 131 rides, 19.1%; W R Swinburn, 13 from 89, 14.6%; T Quinn, 13 from 90, 14.4%; W Ryan, 20 from 159, 12.6%; D Holland, 8 from 72, 11.1%.

STRATFORD

THUNDERER
2.20 Wilkins. 2.50 Kemys Commander. 3.20 Algari. 3.50 Badastan. 4.20 Mister Feathers. 4.50 Northern Trial.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.20 CLIFFORD CHAMBERS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,786: 2m 6f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 0 AISLABIE AIRBORNE 14 T Clement 5-10-12 E Murphy
2 0-82 ARCTIC LIFE 7 J Jenkins 5-10-12 A P McCoy (7)
3 FP0- FORGED PUNT 75 F Murphy 7-10-12 S Burrough
4 306- ROAD TO AU BON 70 R Baker 6-10-12 M Perrett
5 03-2 WILKINS 12 (BF) R O'Sullivan 5-10-12 D O'Sullivan

5-4 Wilkins, 6-4 Arctic Life, 4-1 Road To Au Bon, 14-1 others.

2.50 ANTHONY ROBINSON MEMORIAL TROPHY (Novices chase: £2,710: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

1 3/12 KEMYS COMMANDER 2 (F,G,S) Mrs H Macauley 9-11-6 N Williamson
2 112- GRATUITY 70 (F) C Barwell 9-11-0 N Mann
3 042- JAUNTY GIG 74 (B,F,G) J Barlett 8-11-0 L O'Hara
4 04-U DARINGLY 5 (G) H Manners 5-10-10 Mr G Brown
5 41/ GIVE ME AN ANSWER 448 (F) J Parkes 8-10-9 M A Fitzgerald
6 130- QUIET DAWN 89 (F,G) J King 8-10-9 D Meredith (3)

6-4 Kemys Commander, 5-2 Gratuity, 4-1 Jaunty Gig, 6-1 Quiet Dawn, 7-1 Daringly, 12-1 Give Me An Answer.

3.20 AILSTONE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,046: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 340- DEEP DARK DAWN 71 (D,F,G) J Upson 9-12-0 Mr T Byrne
2 613- ALGARI 94 (D,F,S) G Richards 7-11-13 M Moloney
3 60-8 STAR OF THE GLEN 15 (F,G,S) A James 8-11-9 N Williamson
4 /34- MANABOUTTHEHOUSE 91 Mrs I McKie 7-11-1 J R Kavanagh
5 06-1 STRIDING EDGE 8 (F,G) R O'Sullivan 9-10-8 D O'Sullivan
6 205- TRY ME NOW 94 (F) Miss E England 8-10-6 P Ward (7)
7 34-2 LADY BLAKENEY 14 (G) B Rothwell 8-10-2 R Supple

9-4 Striding Edge, 3-1 Star Of The Glen, 4-1 Algari, 6-1 Deep Dark Dawn, 10-1 Lady Blakeney, 12-1 Manaboutthehouse, 20-1 Try Me Now.

3.50 FISHER QUALITY FOODS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,556: 3m 3f) (5)

1 530- CAIRNCASTLE 155 (C,D,F,G,S) C Barwell 9-12-0 Mr R Payne (7)
2 121- THE PRUSSIAN 36F (F) K Wingrove 8-11-11 J Ryan
3 2-11 BADASTAN 12 (B,F,G,S) P Hobbs 5-11-4 Peter Hobbs
4 0P-8 BRAVO STAR 14 (F,G) F Murphy 9-10-13 S Burrough
5 33-2 CREWS CASTLE 7 (G) J Jenkins 7-10-7 A P McCoy (7)

7-4 The Prussian, 9-4 Badastan, 4-1 Crews Castle, 5-1 Bravo Star, 7-1 Cairncastle.

4.20 SHOTTERY CLAIMING CHASE (£2,570: 3m) (6)

1 614- WELKNOWN CHARACTER 86 (D,F,G,S) P Nicholls 12-11-2 Gay Lewis (5)
2 P4-4 LAPIAFFE 15 (D,F,G,S) A Harrison 10-11-0 B Storey
3 053- MISTER FEATHERS 74 (F,G) J King 13-11-0 J R Kavanagh
4 /40- THE YANK 84 (V,D,F,G) M Hammond 8-10-12 G McCourt
5 3P-4 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 14 (G) K Wingrove 7-10-10 J Ryan
6 02/4 CHATANOOGACHOOCHOO 14 (G,S) M Churches 11-10-10 S Burrough

5-4 Wellknown Character, 7-4 Mister Feathers, 6-1 The Yank, 8-1 Lapiaffe, 16-1 Applianceofscience, 25-1 Chatanoogachoochoo.

4.55 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,626: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 /2-1 TAKE TWO 15 (D,F,G,S) J White 6-12-0 J Railton
2 1F3- QUICK SILVER BOY 154 (D,G) D Burchell 4-11-8 D J Burchell
3 252- TEMAYESTELIGN 28F D Marks 6-11-3 J McCarthy (3)
4 02F- SWIFT CONVEYANCE 211 (CD,F,G) W Kemp 5-11-3 S McDougall (7)
5 3-21 NORTHERN TRIAL 5 (V,D,F,G) K Burke 6-11-2 M A Fitzgerald
6 P06- FUSSY LADY 101 (D,F) Mrs I McKie 7-10-2 L Harvey

7-4 Northern Trial, 9-4 Take Two, 5-1 Quick Silver Boy, 7-1 Swift Conveyance, 8-1 Temayestelign, 20-1 Fussy Lady.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R O'Sullivan, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; G Richards, 11 from 35, 31.4%, C Barwell, 3 from 12, 25%, J Upson, 5 from 25, 20.0%; P Hobbs, 11 from 62, 17.7%, J White, 8 from 57, 14.0%.

JOCKEYS: D O'Sullivan, 4 from 14, 28.6%; Peter Hobbs, 10 from 44, 22.7%; G McCourt, 10 from 56, 17.9%; J R Kavanagh, 4 from 31, 12.9%; M A Fitzgerald, 7 from 56, 12.5%, J Railton, 6 from 49, 12.2%.

BANGOR

THUNDERER
2.25 Deduce. 2.55 Little Big. 3.25 Clever Folly. 3.55 Don't Forget Marie. 4.25 Merlins Wish. 5.00 Junction Twentytwo.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.25 LIVERPOOL RACQUET CLUB NOVICES HURDLE (£2,190: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 353- CHARLAFRIVOLA 70 (B) T Greathead 6-11-0 W Humphreys
2 4P-1 DEDUCE 12 (F) J White 5-11-0 A Maguire
3 30P- FAWLEY FLYER 157 W G M Turner 5-11-0 R Dunwoody
4 KINLOGH GALE J O'Shea 6-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
5 23- LUKS AKURA 91F W Clay 6-11-0 Diane Clay
6 /4-P SELDOM IN 12 R Brotherton 8-11-0 T Jenks (3)
7 000- SUNGIA 96 K Bridgwater 5-11-0 D Bridgwater
8 THE BRACKETEER 85F Mrs S Austin 4-10-11 D Wilkinson

4-6 Deduce, 9-2 Charlafrivola, 6-1 Luks Akura, 16-1 Fawley Flyer, 20-1 Kinlogh Gale, 25-1 Sungia, 33-1 others.

2.55 CROWTHER HOMES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£1,861: 2m 4f) (8)

1 120- BUSMAN 140 (D,S) J O'Shea 5-12-0 G Tormey (3)
2 3-14 FRIENDLY FELLOW 7 (B,CD,F,G) F Jordan 10-11-7 R Farrant
3 4P0- LITTLE BIG 114 (CD,F,G) C Broad 7-11-7 N Collum (3)
4 000- HAPPY DEAL 75 (B) B Preece 8-11-0 N Juckes (3)
5 0/P MCCARTHYS HOTEL 15 (F) Mrs G Plowright 11-11-0 F Leahy
6 0P-P SINGING SAM 15 (B,G) W Cunningham 9-11-0 R Barrett (7)
7 00-3 BAYBEEJAY 2 (G) R Brotherton 7-10-9 T Jenks
8 NUISANCE C Egerton 4-10-6 A Procter

6-4 Friendly Fellow, 5-2 Busman, 4-1 Little Big, 6-1 Baybeejay, 10-1 Nuisance, 16-1 McCarthys Hotel, 20-1 others.

3.25 PRESTBURY GROUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,959: 2m 4f 110yd) (3)

1 F3-1 ST ATHANS LAD 12 (B,F,G) R Curtis 9-11-10 D Morris
2 634- PEACE OFFICER 87 (D,G,S) A Barrow 8-11-4 D Bridgwater
3 11-1 CLEVER FOLLY 14 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 14-10-7 N Doughty

4-5 Clever Folly, 6-4 St Athans Lad, 6-1 Peace Officer

3.55 ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,007: 2m 1f) (6)

1 22-2 BONDAID 14 (BF,D,F,G) J White 10-12-0 A Maguire
2 421- DON'T FORGET MARIE 100F (CD,F,G,S) A Bailey 4-11-11 S Smith Eccles
3 300- FLUIDITY 7F (F,G) J O'Shea 6-10-12 D Bridgwater
4 6/ DIVINE CHARGER 805 (F,G) C Mann 10-10-8 R Dunwoody
5 3/5 REILTON 15 (D,G) A Forbes 7-10-3 T Eley (3)
6 /0P- CASTLERICHARDKING 292 (D,G) K Bridgwater 9-10-0 W Humphreys

5-4 Bondaid, 7-4 Don't Forget Marie, 8-1 Fluidity, Divine Charger, 10-1 Reilton, 33-1 Castlerichardking.

4.25 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES NOVICES CHASE (£3,052: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 23-1 MAN OF THE GRANGE 15 (CD,F,S) W Clay 6-11-7 D Bridgwater
2 16-1 MERLINS WISH 5 (F) M Pipe 5-11-4 R Dunwoody
3 0/F CAXTON 15 (F,S) J White 7-11-0 A Maguire
4 F/4- TIGER CLAW 64F (F,G) A Barrow 8-11-0 B Powell
5 P6-6 HOSTETLER 5 (S) K Bridgwater 5-10-11 T Wall

5-4 Merlins Wish, 2-1 Caxton, 7-2 Man Of The Grange, 25-1 Tiger Claw, 33-1 Hostetler

5.00 SHOWTIME NOVICES HURDLE (£2,285: 2m 1f) (10)

1 P- FUTURE FAME 68F Mrs S Austin 5-11-0 D Wilkinson
2 40-0 JUVENARA 15 S Coathup 5-11-0 R Greene
3 F52- LEXUS 32F R Williams 6-11-0 S Smith Eccles
4 0/P- MINSTRALS BOYO 322 J White 7-11-0 A Maguire
5 JUNCTION TWENTYTWO 21F C Broad 4-10-11 W Marston
6 344- SECRET FORMULA 78 T Greathead 4-10-11 W Humphreys
7 00- TTYFRAN 8F B Baugh 4-10-11 P McLoughlin (5)
8 65-6 DALBEATTIE 7 P Dalton 5-10-9 D Bridgwater
9 00P- JUST EVE 84 R Brotherton 7-10-9 T Jenks (3)
10 KAHLO 344F G Richards 4-10-6 B Harding (7)

9-4 Junction Twentytwo, 11-4 Lexus, 4-1 Kahlo, 5-1 Dalbeattie, 6-1 Secret Formula, 14-1 Ttyfran, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Mann, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%, M Pipe, 23 from 71, 32.4%, J White, 10 from 31, 32.3%, G Richards, 35 from 137, 25.5%; C Broad, 3 from 12, 25.0%; A Bailey, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: F Leahy, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%, N Doughty, 21 from 70, 30.0%, R Dunwoody, 20 from 84, 23.8%, A Maguire, 10 from 53, 18.9%, R Farrant, 3 from 17 17.6%; 5 from 50, 10.0%.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Newbury

Going: good

2.10 (6f 8yd) 1. HAWAIIAN DREAM (A Whelan, 5-1 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Jade Pet (D O'Neill, 8-1), 3, Domulla (R Moogan, 12-1). 4, Tom Morgan (J D Smith, 20-1) ALSO RAN. 11-2 Bold Street, Nagida, 8 Jayannpee, 12 How's Yer Father, Petersford Girl (5th), 14 Law Commission, 20 Bold Mick, Chili Heights, Fascination Waltz, 25 Relentless Pursuit (6th), 33 Mr Bergerac, Peter Rowley 16 ran. Nk, 2½l, 2½l, hd, 1½l. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote £6.50, £1.60, £2.40, £3.10, £4.60. DF: £15.80 Trio: £202.20 CSF: £43.27. Tricast £425.33.

2.40 (1m 2f 6yd) 1. WILLIAM TELL (J Reid, 7-1), 2, Green Crusader (W R Swinburn, 11-1), 3, Sleeve of Time (M Roberts, 20-1). 4, Evert (W Ryan, 9-2 fav) ALSO RAN 6 Loccolondo (6th), 8 Ragsat Al Omor, 9 Golden Arrow, 12 Lattam, 14 Fawlty Towers, Lime Street Blues, Shoolk, 16 Ripanus, 20 Lesley's Fashion, 25 Shadow Leader (5th). 33 Stremzi, 50 Springtime Affair. 16 ran. 3l, 2½l, hd, 2l, ¾l. R Johnson Houghton at Didcot. Tote: £8.20, £2.10, £2.10, £7.00, £1.50. DF £43.30 Trio £190.20 CSF £76.51 Tricast £1,354.68

3.10 (7f 64yd) 1†. POLLEN COUNT (L Dettori, 8-1); 1†. YOUNG ERN (W Ryan, 9-2); 3, Unblest (C Asmussen, 11-4 fav) ALSO RAN. 7-2 Fraam, 12 Swing Low (4th), 14 Redoubtable, 16 Alanees, Euroknik Thunder, 20 River Deep, 25 Beggarman Thief (6th), 50 Crackhill Farm, Nap (5th). 12 ran Dd-ht, 1¼l, sh hd, hd 3½l. J Gosden at Newmarket, S Dow at Epsom. Tote: Young Ern £2.50, Pollen Count £5.30, Young Ern £1.50. Pollen Count £2.70, £1.50 DF £21.90 Trio £20.40. CSF Young Ern, Pollen Count £18.19. Pollen Count, Young Ern £20.04.

3.40 (7f) 1. LAMMTARRA (W R Swinburn, 3-1). 2, Myself (J Reid, Evens fav); 3, Petoskin (B Raymond, 16-1) ALSO RAN 11-2 Sarasota Storm (6th), 6 Wigberto (5th), 8 Daftaq (4th) 6 ran ¾l, 5l, 6l, 1½l, ¾l. A Scott at Newmarket. Tote: £5.60; £2.40, £1.30 DF: £3.40. CSF £6.82 After stewards' inquiry, result stood

4.10 (6f 8yd) 1. ALUSHA (M Hills, 10-11 fav); 2, Miss Haversham (A Clark, 50-1): 3 Germane (M Fenton, 25-1). ALSO RAN 17-2 Midnight Flower, 10 Persian Rhapsody (5th). 12 Ching (4th), Tranquility, 14 Azdihaar, Flame War, 25 Santa Fan, Toasted (6th), 33 Golden Lady, Pillow Blush, Tarducca, 50 Bay Risk, My First Romance, Statoglow, Vesture, Victoria's Secret. 19 ran 1½l, 1½l, 1l, 2l, 3l G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote £1.90, £1.30, £8.90, £24.10 DF £85.50. CSF £61.00.

4.40 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, PARTY SEASON (T Quinn, 2-1); 2, Spinning (R Cochrane, 9-1), 3, Moonax (M Hills, 11-2) ALSO RAN 13-8 fav Rubhahunish (5th). 11-2 Florid (4th), 100 Sydney Barry (6th) 6 ran Nk, hd, 4l, 1½l, 20l. C Cyzer at Horsham Tote £2.80, £1.50, £2.80 DF £8.60 CSF £17.16 After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

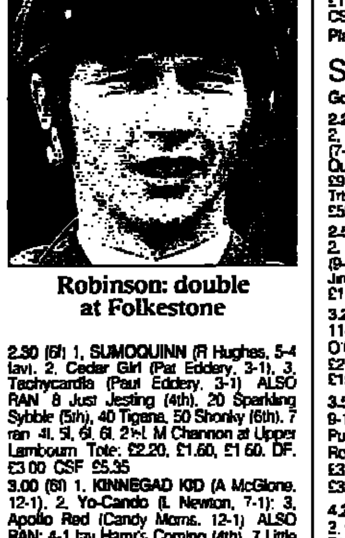
5.10 (2m) 1. CAPTAIN JACK (L Dettori, 9-4 fav); 2, Bold Resolution (M Roberts, 5-1). 3, Chakalak (A Whelan, 14-1) ALSO RAN: 7-2 Captain's Guest (6th). 6 Tukano, 13-2 Brandon Prince, 7 Rodo (4th), 33 Naiysari (5th) 8 ran 3½l, ¾l 3½l, 2½l, ¾l L Cumani at Newmarket Tote £3.00, £1.10, £2.10, £2.50 DF: £13.10 CSF: £13.72 Tricast £117.71.

Jackpot: £21,679.90 (0.4 winning tickets. Pool of £10,715.43 carried forward to Newbury today).
Placepot: £30.30. Quadpot: £12.80.

Folkestone

Going: good (good to firm in places)

2.00 (5f) 1, MUCHTARAK (B Rouse, 8-1). 2, Polly Garter (R Hughes, 4-1 jt-fav). 3, Pelleman (T Ives, 4-1 jt-fav) ALSO RAN 4-1 jt-fav Hoh (4th), Nordman Lass (6th), 8 Fahema, 14 Harken Heights. 25 Sobeloved, Super Sonata (5th). 33 Bon Secret, 40 Fair Ella, Kings Of Canvey Is, 50 Cranbrook Kate. 13 ran. NR. Banner 1¾l, ¾l, ¾l, 7l, hd. C Benstead at Epsom Tote £7.90; £3.30, £1.30, £1.80 DF £24.60 CSF. £39.32



Robinson: double at Folkestone

2.30 (6f) 1, SUMOQUINN (R Hughes, 5-4 fav). 2, Cedar Girl (Pat Eddery, 3-1). 3, Tachycardia (Paul Eddery, 3-1) ALSO RAN 8 Just Jesting (4th). 20 Sparkling Sybble (5th), 40 Tigana, 50 Shonky (6th). 7 ran 4l, 5l, 6l, 6l, 2½l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn Tote: £2.20, £1.60, £1.60. DF. £3.00 CSF £5.35

3.00 (6f) 1. KINNEGAD KID (A McGlone, 12-1), 2, Yo-Cando (L Newton, 7-1): 3, Apollo Red (Candy Morris, 12-1) ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Harry's Coming (4th). 7 Little Hooligan (5th), 15-2 Truth Mountain, 10 Al Shaati, Just Flamenco (6th), 11 Pair Of Jacks, 12 Assignment, Batting Bella, 16 Waders Dream, 25 Stratagem, 33 Rub Al Khali 14 ran. ¾l, hd, 1½l, nk, 2l R Ingram at Fiskerton Tote: £26.00, £6.70, £4.80, £3.70 DF. £41.80. Trio not won (pool of £408.58 carried forward to 3.30 at Newbury today). CSF: £89.66. Tricast: £955.77

3.30 (6f 189yd) 1. SAKHAROV (P Robinson, 7-1), 2, Panchellita (B Rouse, 6-1) 3 Teanarco (B Thomson, 6-1) ALSO RAN 11-2 fav Pharsical, 7 Pigalle Wonder, 8 Brave Hero, 10 Just Harry, 12 Mogwai, Red Slaney (4th), Sharp Imp (6th), St Martha, 14 Coalisland, Sweet Whisper, Zinbaq (5th). 25 Rad 15 ran. NR Bo Knows Nigel 1½l, ¾l, hd, sh hd, ¾l. M Jarvis at Newmarket Tote £7.70; £2.20, £3.70, £2.00. DF £45.20 Trio: £39.10 CSF: £53.21. Tricast: £261.72

4.00 (1m 4f) 1, RED DANCER (P Robinson, 7-2 fav). 2, The Frog Lady (T G McLaughlin, 8-1). 3, Lord Wellington (C Rutter, 16-1). 4, Morstock (Paul Eddery, 20-1) ALSO RAN: 9 Heathcote Place (6th). Ruffle, 10 La Reina Blanca (SPA), Rachelly (5th). 11 Food Broker Fella, 12 Dalcross, Most Beautiful, 14 Harlequin Walk, Volterra, 16 Dry Ginger, 20 Bitter Aloe, Explore Mondial, 33 Stonecrop, Sweet Caroline, Weekday Cross 19 ran 2½l, 1l, nk, 2½l, 11l M Bell at Newmarket Tote £3.20, £1.20, £2.80, £3.50, £3.50 DF: £18.50 Trio, not won (pool of £321.50 carried forward to 3.30 at Newbury today) CSF. £34.29 Tricast £392.60

4.30 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, PISTOL (Paul Eddery, 11-4), 2, Jasdan (Pat Eddery, 5-2 fav) 3, Saxon Magic (G Bardwell, 20-1) ALSO RAN 13-2 Sight'n Sound (4th), 8 Amaam Amaam, Grand Slammer, 10 Irish Fountain, 12 Our Besse (5th), 25 Call Me Blue (6th), 50 L'Aigle D'Or 10 ran 2l, 2½l, 3l, sh hd, 5l C Horgan at Wokingham Tote £3.40; £1.10, £1.10, £3.00 DF: £3.80 Trio £17.70 CSF: £9.69 Tricast. £103.24

Placepot £433.20. Quadpot £94.50.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.20 (1m) 1, Sailormaite (S Webster, 7-1). 2, Miss Temerity (20-1); 3, Jamaica Bridge (7-2) Miss Springtime 3-1 fav 11 ran. NR: Quinzii Martin. 2l, 1½l S Bowring Tote: £9.10; £2.30, £8.80, £1.80 DF £147.10 Trio. £224.90. CSF: £119.77 Tricast: £520.17.

2.50 (7f) 1. Heart Broken (K Fallon, 11-4), 2. Causley (6-4 fav). 3. Cledeschamps (9-1) 12 ran NR Lucy's Gold 1½l, 3l Jimmy Fitzgerald Tote £3.40; £1.20, £1.20, £1.80 DF. £3.60 CSF £7.40

3.20 (6f) 1, Johnnie The Joker (J Weaver, 11-4 fav); 2, Antonia's Folly (12-1); 3, Maid O'Cannie (6-1) 12 ran 4l, ¾l J Leigh. Tote £2.80; £1.60, £3.30, £1.60 DF £26.90 Trio £15.40 CSF £34.72 Tricast: £175.53.

3.50 (1m 4f) 1, Risky Tu (Adelle Gibbons, 9-1). 2, Atlantic Way (2-1 fav): 3, Jemima Puddleduck (10-1) 8 ran NR: Sparkling Roberta. 4l, ¾l P Kelleway Tote. £16.40; £3.40, £1.10, £2.30 DF £14.50 Trio: £35.90 CSF £25.45 Tricast: £165.90

4.20 (5f) 1. Bold Frontier (G Duffield, 4-1), 2. Branston Kristy (12-1). 3, Hi Rock (20-1). Dizzydaisy 3-1 fav. 13 ran 4l, sh hd. K Ivory Tote £4.50, £1.70, £3.80. £6.50 DF £39.70 CSF £47.65.

4.50 (1m 6f) 1, Dugort Strand (Mr I McLelland, 20-1). 2, Wollboll (6-1). 3, Double Dancer (15-2) Schoolgirl Crush 100-30 fav. 12 ran. NR Gemikosa. 3l, 5l. J L Harris. Tote £34.80; £5.60, £2.80, £2.20 DF: £61.80 Trio not won (pool of £183.21 carried forward to 3.30 at Newbury today). CSF. £125.28 Tricast £905.27

Placepot £227.60. Quadpot £161.40.

Gatting on alert to face South Africa

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS impossible to be an Englishman at Headingley last Monday without feeling a sense of frustration, but if the second Test match was at first judgment a lost opportunity, with hindsight it was a source of stability that England needed like a bankrupt needs a blank cheque.

A fortnight earlier, all was in disarray. The captain was on the brink of resignation, the team was thought clueless and spineless and the chairman of selectors' honeymoon period was emphatically over. If Michael Atherton had walked the plank, indeed, it is fair to conjecture that Raymond Illingworth may not have been far behind.

Given such a torrid scenario, the manner in which England dictated the Headingley game was far more surprising than their failure to execute the kill. After being embarrassingly outplayed at Lord's, they were now the better side, if not yet the more resilient. Atherton's triumph of survival was a matter for acclaim and relief and the shape of a fundamentally altered team was enough of a success to make this evening's selection meeting far less agonised than the last.

Perhaps, indeed, no more than two places will require much debate, one of these through doubtful fitness and the other doubtful form. If Graham Gooch reassures the selectors that his pulled hamstring will be no bar to inclusion, and Angus Fraser is judged on acknowledged quality, rather than the worrying trends of recent games, an unchanged team will result for the final Test against South Africa at The Oval.

Neither, however, can be taken for granted. Gooch is not playing in the present round of county games and while, in someone else, this might be regarded as taking a diplomatic rest, Gooch's commitment to Essex is so strong that the decision will have been made with heavy heart. At 41, he knows he must respect such injuries, and, although he expects to be fit for Thursday, a stand-by batsman would be judicious.

If the doubt concerned anyone but Gooch, then the replacement might have been drawn from the younger generation — perhaps Mark Ramprakash. But as it is the senior player in question, there is validity in the argument, which Illingworth will undoubtedly put forward, for Mike Gatting to be alerted for his first Test appearance in more than a year.

Gatting is still as commanding and hungry a player as anyone in the country. For a match that England must win, to save the series, he would be a worthy swap for Gooch, batting in the middle-order with Alec Stewart going in first. As the final Test of a summer invariably confuses, rather than clarifies selection for the winter tour, this would be less likely to complicate the thinking than inserting a substitute opener.

The position of Fraser will cause some soul-searching. There is no more popular nor wholehearted cricketer and there can be nobody in authority who lacks admiration for the tenacity of his comeback from serious pelvic injury. It is also fresh in the memory that he played a crucial role in the famous Barbados victory last April.

Present needs, however, are for bowlers who will dismiss the South Africans twice on what will surely be the regular hard, fast Oval pitch. Darren Gough and Phillip DeFreitas will certainly share the new ball, despite wayward spells at Headingley, and the return of Philip Tufnell gave the attack such a fresh dimension of controlled attack, to the evident discomfort of the South Africans, that his retention is automatic.

Fraser can have value as a solid foil to the aggression of Gough and DeFreitas, but he loses this when he begins a day as innocuously as he did at Leeds. Both on the Saturday and Sunday, Fraser opened with such a lack of zest and control that the South Africans were let off a tight leash. Joey Benjamin, who failed to make the team at Headingley, deserves to remain in the party for his home Test and on form and conditions, there is a strong case for having the pace of Devon Malcolm.

A suggested squad is Atherton, Gooch, Hick, Thorpe, Stewart, Crawley, Rhodes, DeFreitas, Gough, Tufnell, Benjamin, Malcolm, Gatting.

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Lewis displays bright side of his enigma variations

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 506 runs behind Nottinghamshire

IF CHRIS Lewis had lived in Vienna at the turn of the century and wandered along to the apartment in Berggasse where Dr Freud worked, the history of psychoanalysis might have been profoundly different. The history of cricket would certainly have been different, but that's another matter.

Dr Freud paced fretfully across his study, took out his watch chain and thought of that attractive lady he was due to meet in the Café Central later that evening. After some deliberation, he addressed the man who was standing before the mirror, adjusting his hat.

"I'm terribly sorry, Herr Lewis," he said. "There is really nothing I can do. Perhaps Dr Adler may be of some assistance."

Like the atomic structure of helium and the identity of Beethoven's "immortal beloved", Lewis is one of life's most impenetrable mysteries. Nobody knows him, least of all himself, and nobody ever will. He made 220 not out here yesterday and at times batted like a prince. Today, he may bowl like a buffoon — or not bowl at all. It all depends on which of his many personalities gets out of bed.

It was Lewis's second double century for Nottinghamshire, where it is fair to say he is not the most popular cricketer. When he reached it, crossed himself in that self-regarding way and flourished his bat towards the dressing room, one wondered how many of his team-mates were genuinely pleased.

"What a shame," they must feel, "that he spreads his talents so thinly. We could do with a few more performances like that." His innings has put his team in a strong position. Only once since 1928 have Warwickshire conceded more than 597 and the championship leaders are now batting to save the game.

Interestingly, it was the highest score made by anyone batting at fourth wicket down in any game involving Warwickshire. Borrowing one of Fluff Freeman's favourite lines (about Donovan, the Sixties pop star) one could say that Lewis was "reigning supreme at No 6".

He is now in his eighth season as a professional cricketer and is regarded as a genuine all-rounder. To make only five first-class hundreds before yesterday, therefore, does not suggest a sense of fulfilment. He will never achieve anything substantial until he commits himself fully to the game and to the team. An innings like this does not alter that fact one little bit.

At his best, he is a handsome striker of the ball and he did not lack opportunity yesterday. If this is the best team in the championship, may the good Lord preserve us. Warwickshire served up some shocking stuff, offering all the batsmen, not just Lewis, far too much width.

Lewis and Evans shared the third century partnership of the innings, adding 157 in 27 overs. When the declaration came, Lewis had faced 318 balls, hit 21 fours and cleared the boundary six times. Neil Smith conceded four of those hits. The best was a pick-up over mid-wicket off the bowling of Small.

The pattern of his scoring was odd, almost perversely so. He began the day on 20, made 13 runs in the first hour of play and went in for lunch ten short of his hundred. Having reached it immediately after lunch, he dozed for an hour and then rattled up another 95 runs in the 75 minutes before tea.

His work done, Lewis alternated between second slip and gully, where he dropped Moles. It mattered little. In a profitable final session, Evans, roaring in with his tail up, dismissed both openers. Then he gave way to Mike, who had Ostler caught behind. The batting was not distinguished.

Lara awaits. He spent the day feeling unwell and cannot bat until the fall of the fifth wicket. His ailment this time was a sore throat and temperature. Lewis obviously affects people in different ways.

IAN STEWART



If the England Under-19 representative match against India at Taunton is the harbinger of events to come at Test level, then England have some lean years ahead of them (Ivo Tennant writes). Pankaj Dharmani, pictured being run out by Ismail Darwood, struck 84 yesterday, which enabled India to declare after lunch. England were bowled out for 179 and made to follow on 251 behind. There are two days remaining of the first of this series-of-three matches, which means that India have no shortage of time to bowl their opponents out again. This is a compelling Indian side, stocked with wristy batsmen and beguiling spinners. It was ever thus. But Siddiqui, fast medium with the ability to cut the ball away from the right-hander, could have been schooled in England. Of his five wickets, four were taken at the wicket or by a noisy slip cordon. Only Alex Morris and Kevin Innes, both of whom made half centuries, batted with any authority. Dharmani, who held four catches, is a true wicketkeeper/batsman. He struck the ball as cleanly as the two Indian century-makers had the previous day, one on-driven six hitting an unsuspecting spectator on the collar-bone. He has played first-class cricket for two years, which showed. His 84 included ten fours and two sixes.

Parsons leads recovery

BY PAT GIBSON

LEICESTER (second day of four): Worcestershire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 78 runs behind Leicestershire

THE pitch was always doing a bit at Grace Road yesterday and so were the players. Not a lot, but enough to make for a fascinating contest between Leicestershire, third from the top of the county championship, and Worcestershire, third from the bottom.

It looked as though Worcestershire were about to stand the table on its head when they reduced Leicestershire to 166 for six, but the last four wickets added 117 to lift them to a total of 283 and demonstrate why they are still in the frame for the title.

Both James Whitaker and Vince Wells had played attractively for 36, which was just about par for the particular course, and Darren Maddy, making his championship debut after becoming only the second Leicestershire player to score more than 1,000 runs for the second XI, had shown a tantalising glimpse of his talent. He made only nine, but he struck two cracking fours and exhibited a classic straight bat before Neil Radford had him leg-before.

Not for the first time this season, Leicestershire's recovery was led by Paul Nixon and Gordon Parsons, whose answer to the variable bounce and movement off the seam was a series of vigorous strokes which brought 47 runs in nine overs. Adrian Pierson also batted resolutely for an unbeaten 38.

He was soon swinging the ball as well to have Philip Western caught behind, but neither Mullally nor David Millns was accurate enough to impress Brian Bolus, the England selector, who was paying particular attention to the fast bowlers with the Oval Test in mind.

Graeme Hick provides as good an examination as anybody for prospective Test bowlers and he had helped himself to eight fours when Parsons, showing the value of line and length, bowled him, probably off an inside edge. Tim Curtis had been bowled by Phil Simmons in the previous over, but Tom Moody and Gavin Haynes were giving Worcestershire the initiative in a fourth-wicket partnership of 100 in 19 overs until Moody mistimed a hook and was caught for 49.

Tufnell too late to save Middlesex season

BY ALAN LEE

LORD'S (second day of four; Middlesex won toss): Middlesex, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 226 runs behind Somerset

THIS time last year, Middlesex had just secured a sixth consecutive championship victory and put the title beyond reasonable doubt. They were champions almost without a challenger. The assumption that the same players could produce a similar result this season, however, has been, sadly, wide of the mark.

They began this game in eighth place, 64 points off the pace, and if they enjoyed the better of a belated opening day, it was not in the anticipated style. Mike Gatting put Somerset in to bat, expecting a pitch that had been covered for two days to assist his seam bowlers. Instead, the damage was done by spin.

This is not insignificant. Success last year was based on the spin pairing of Emburey and Tufnell, who between them took 137 wickets at 19 runs apiece. Up to yesterday, they had managed 58 this summer, and at an average cost of more than 35.

Emburey is missing with a back strain, which at least reduces the average age. Seven of Middlesex's first-choice XI are over 30, another problem they must address if the dominance of last year is to be recaptured. Tufnell, however, bowled masterfully and good-humouredly in two long spells from the Nursery End, and his prolonged absence until mid-season might alone have sabotaged Middlesex's title hopes.

Somerset have won six of their last eight games and are one of five teams who could yet deny Warwickshire. They will be content with 248 after losing both openers to Fraser's first spell but, Lathwell apart, their batting is pedestrian, though Hayhurst and Harden played as worthily as ever.

Speak takes advantage of doubtful strategy

BY SIMON WILDE

HEADINGLEY (second day of four): Lancashire, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 69 runs ahead of Yorkshire

BY MID-afternoon at Headingley yesterday, Lancashire were muttering darkly about damp surfaces and 25-point penalties. By the close, however, a combination of sensible batting, poor bowling and an easing pitch had allowed them to take control of the 237th Roses match.

At 2.55pm, ten wickets had fallen for 159 runs, including Lancashire's top four for 85. Hands and forearms had been rapped regularly and five of the wickets had fallen with the assistance of the wicketkeepers.

The only batsmen to have prospered on a pitch of lively and uncertain bounce were Grayson, who held firm during the remainder of the Yorkshire innings and took his score to 51: Gough, who helped Grayson add 47 in 40 minutes; and Fairbrother, who hit a brisk but brittle 30.

There had been some notable failures. Atherton continued his miserable championship form, hooking Gough down the throat of long leg. Gallian never looked happy and gave a catch down the leg side. Crawley took a blow on the hand and, eager to tame another rising delivery from Gough, stepped onto his stumps.

Had Lancashire themselves bowled better, Yorkshire's last six wickets would not have added the 74 that they did. Martin, who claimed the final three wickets, failed to make the batsmen play, unlike Chapple, who swung the ball both ways during a spell of three wickets in nine balls.

Had Gough not been hampered during the afternoon by a recurrence of his toe injury and stomach trouble, Speak and Titchard might not have turned the match round with their fifth-wicket stand of 124. As it was, too many balls were directed at Speak's legs, balls which are meat and drink to him.

Gough returned, promptly removing Titchard and Watkinson, but Speak carried on to reach 98 by the close of play, having hit three sixes — two off successive balls from Stemp, who had dropped him on 23 — and 12 fours during a four-hour stay.

Knight's hundred tilts balance towards Essex

BY JACK BAILEY

COLCHESTER (second day of four): Essex have scored 378 against Surrey

RED marks were discernible on the pitch during a lunchtime stroll. A sign of firmness, pace and a well-made wicket, these imprints denoted conditions where only the best bowling would prevail and good batting would reap dividends. This had already been sketched in by Essex's progress to 118 for one by the interval and by the supremacy of the left-handed Nick Knight, who by then had made 64. It was later confirmed as Knight moved on to a century, Lewis made 51 and then Garnham helped to take Essex deep into their third century.

Knight's second championship century of the season was also his fifth score above 50 in his last seven innings, a sequence which began when he opened against Warwickshire in Gooch's absence and made a hundred. It is a job he clearly enjoys and on yesterday's evidence, one which he should make his own.

Of the Essex batsmen, only Knight truly dominated the Surrey attack. Four seam bowlers and two orthodox spinners fired away at him, but none of them induced a serious mistake. Knight made most of the scoring during two century partnerships, forcing the ball through the covers off back foot and front to produce the bulk of his 14 fours.

Knight's first partner in Gooch's absence was Darren Robinson. In appearance, Robinson is similar enough to Gooch for followers to imagine Essex lining up likely contenders in an identity parade and picking out the one most like the Essex captain. Nor did Robinson suffer unduly in terms of performance, by comparison with the great man. Well organised and disciplined, he was in little trouble until, just before lunch, Kendrick drew him forward and found the outside edge.

Lewis, at best a slow starter, was almost a passive partner in the second century partnership. He finally lost Knight when a ball of rare venom from Cuffy brushed a glove, surprising Knight although he had batted for 3hr 20min. Lewis blossomed, however, and though a quick burst from Holliake put paid to three in the Essex middle order, Garnham stayed to keep the initiative with Essex.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Kent v Durham

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Durham, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 304 runs behind Kent

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward lbw b Brown	35
M J Walker c Daley b Bainbridge	34
N R Taylor c Scott b Cummins	26
C L Hooper c Morris b Bainbridge	41
G R Cowdrey c Scott b Cummins	38
M V Fleming c Hutton b Bainbridge	5
M A Ealham c Scott b Bainbridge	21
*†S A Marsh not out	85
M J McCague st Scott b Graveney	56
M M Patel st Scott b Graveney	0
T N Wren c Cummins b Graveney	6
Extras (b 3, lb 12, w 1, nb 22)	38
Total (100.3 overs)	385

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-81, 3-132, 4-182, 5-189, 6-203, 7-240, 8-371, 9-371.

BOWLING: Cummins 24-8-67-2; Brown 22-1-111-1; Bainbridge 24-4-72-4; Graveney 17.3-6-66-3; Cox 13-1-54-0

DURHAM: First Innings

J I Longley c Walker b Hooper	34
M Saxelby not out	45
D M Cox c Ward b Patel	0
J E Morris c Hooper b Patel	0
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (3 wkts, 29.1 overs)	81

J A Daley, S Hutton, *P Bainbridge, †C W Scott, A C Cummins, D A Graveney and S J E Brown to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-81, 3-81.

BOWLING: McCague 6-2-17-0; Wren 8-1-30-0; Ealham 7-0-20-0; Patel 4.1-1-12-2; Hooper 4-4-0-1.

Bonus points: Kent 5 Durham 4

Umpires: B Dudleston and J W Holder.

Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire

BRISTOL (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 75 runs behind Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright b Hughes	35
M G N Windows c Ambrose b Roberts	77
T H C Hancock c Roberts b Hughes	9
R I Dawson c Ambrose b Curran	93
M W Alleyne c Ripley b Ambrose	11
R J Cunliffe lbw b Roberts	6
*†R C Russell b Ambrose	41
R C Williams b Ambrose	10
M C J Ball c Bailey b Curran	6
M Davies c Ripley b Curran	5
K P Sheeraz not out	1
Extras (lb 1, w 1)	2
Total (104 overs)	296

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-110, 2-112, 3-126, 4-169, 5-186, 6-264, 7-283, 8-284, 9-293.

BOWLING: Ambrose 28-7-50-3; Curran 23-3-90-3; Hughes 16-2-63-2; Penberthy 12-5-24-0; Roberts 20-5-50-2; Bailey 5-0-18-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie c Russell b Williams	23
A Fordham c Russell b Sheeraz	4
R J Bailey c Ball b Sheeraz	26
M B Loye b Alleyne	0
*A J Lamb c and b Williams	61
K M Curran not out	53
A L Penberthy not out	38
Extras (lb 8, nb 8)	16
Total (5 wkts, 95 overs)	221

†D Ripley, A R Roberts, C E L Ambrose and J G Hughes to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-52, 3-55, 4-84, 5-148.

BOWLING: Williams 19-7-40-2; Sheeraz 15-2-34-2; Alleyne 22-5-47-1; Ball 20-8-43-0; Dawes 10-2-28-0; Dawson 3-1-6-0; Hancock 6-1-15-0.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 4 Northamptonshire 5.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and N T Plews.

Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 506 runs behind Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard b Small	134
*R T Robinson c Twose b Munton	4
G F Archer run out	41
J C Adams c Twose b P A Smith	4
P Johnson c Piper b Twose	83
C C Lewis not out	220
†W M Noon c Piper b Munton	33
K P Evans c Piper b Welch	55
G W Mike c Piper b Welch	8
Extras (lb 10, lb 14, w 5, nb 8)	37
Total (8 wkts dec, 166 overs)	597

Score at 120 overs: 385-5.

R A Pick and J E Hindson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-109, 3-118, 4-220, 5-318, 6-412, 7-569, 8-597.

BOWLING: Small 29-4-113-1, Munton 39-12-80-2; Welch 27-3-111-2; P A Smith 20-3-53-1; N M K Smith 25-4-119-0; Twose 26-8-87-1.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Hindson b Evans	15
R G Twose c Noon b Evans	20
D P Ostler c Noon b Mike	14
T L Penney not out	14
†K J Piper not out	26
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (3 wkts, 22 overs)	91

B C Lara, P A Smith, G Welch, N M K Smith, G C Small and *T A Munton to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-38, 3-67.

BOWLING: Pick 11-3-41-0; Evans 7-2-25-2; Mike 4-1-23-1.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 2 Nottinghamshire 5.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and V A Holder.

Yorkshire v Lancashire

HEADINGLEY (second day of four): Lancashire, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 69 runs ahead of Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon c Watkinson b Chapple	89
S A Kellett c Hegg b Chapple	0
D Byas lbw b Gallian	40
B Parker c Gallian b Martin	22
†R J Blakey c Hegg b Austin	5
A P Grayson not out	51
G M Hamilton c Hegg b Chapple	1
P J Hartley c Hegg b Chapple	0
D Gough c and b Martin	20
R D Stemp c Gallian b Martin	0
M A Robinson c Hegg b Martin	3
Extras (b 1, lb 2)	3
Total (72.5 overs)	214

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-73, 3-109, 4-118, 5-149, 6-151, 7-153, 8-200, 9-200.

BOWLING: Martin 23.5-3-87-4; Chapple 16-4-51-4; Austin 20-9-38-1; Gallian 7-0-17-1, Watkinson 6-1-18-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

M A Atherton c Hartley b Gough	21
J E R Gallian c Blakey b Robinson	8
J P Crawley hit wicket b Gough	5
N H Fairbrother b Hartley	30
N J Speak not out	98
S P Titchard c Blakey b Gough	39
*M Watkinson c Blakey b Gough	10
I D Austin not out	31
Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 2, nb 25)	41
Total (6 wkts, 80.3 overs)	283

†W K Hegg, P J Martin and G Chapple to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-38, 3-56, 4-85, 5-209, 6-225

BOWLING: Gough 18.3-3-73-4, Hartley 18-3-67-1, Robinson 19-5-59-1; Hamilton 5-0-23-0; Stemp 19-8-41-0; Grayson 1-0-1-0.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 3 Lancashire 6.

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and G Sharp.

Middlesex v Somerset

LORD'S (second day of four, Middlesex won toss): Middlesex, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 226 runs behind Somerset

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell c Brown b Fraser	5
I Fletcher c Brown b Fraser	0
R J Harden c Brown b Weekes	61
N A Folland c Feltham b Tufnell	27
*A N Hayhurst c Carr b Fraser	62
†R J Turner not out	41
S C Ecclestone c Fraser b Weekes	8
J C Hallett lbw b Tufnell	3
A R Caddick lbw b Tufnell	0
H R J Trump c Haynes b Weekes	11
A P van Troost c and b Tufnell	9
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 1, nb 12)	21
Total (97.4 overs)	248

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-17, 3-87, 4-140, 5-184, 6-204, 7-209, 8-209, 9-232.

BOWLING: Fraser 18-3-35-3; Shine 14-2-41-0; Feltham 14-3-38-0; Gatting 3-0-16-0; Tufnell 24.4-9-41-4; Weekes 24-4-71-3.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes c Turner b Caddick	7
M A Roseberry c Hayhurst b van Troost	5
M A Feltham not out	3
Extras (lb 1, nb 6)	7
Total (2 wkts, 8.5 overs)	22

*M W Gatting, M R Ramprakash, J D Carr, †K R Brown, P N Weekes, A R C Fraser, K J Shine and P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-22.

BOWLING: Caddick 4.5-1-13-1; van Troost 4-0-9-1

Bonus points: Middlesex 4 Somerset 1.

Umpires: R A White and P B Wight.

Sussex v Derbyshire

EASTBOURNE (second day of four): Sussex, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 69 runs ahead of Derbyshire

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham lbw b DeFreitas	18
C W J Athey b Malcolm	3
D M Smith c Krikken b Malcolm	63
*A P Wells lbw b DeFreitas	11
M P Speight c Cork b DeFreitas	0
†P Moores b DeFreitas	2
F D Stephenson c Barnett b DeFreitas	19
P W Jarvis lbw b Cork	18
I D K Salisbury not out	17
E E Hemmings c Adams b Malcolm	1
E S H Giddins b Malcolm	2
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 2, nb 4)	11
Total (70.3 overs)	171

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-44, 3-73, 4-73, 5-75, 6-105, 7-150, 8-160, 9-167

BOWLING: DeFreitas 27-5-73-5, Malcolm 15.3-4-37-4, Warner *9-6-34-0; Cork 9-3-16-1.

Second Innings

N J Lenham not out	14
C W J Athey not out	7
Total (no wkt)	21

BOWLING: DeFreitas 5-2-13-0, Malcolm 5-0-8-0

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

P D Bowler c Wells b Giddins	35
A S Rollins lbw b Stephenson	0
C J Adams b Salisbury	31
T J G O'Gorman lbw b Salisbury	13
*K J Barnett c Wells b Salisbury	22
D G Cork lbw b Giddins	0
P A J DeFreitas c Smith b Giddins	6
M J Vandeau b Giddins	9
†K M Krikken not out	2
A E Warner c Wells b Salisbury	0
D E Malcolm c Stephenson b Giddins	8
Extras (lb 2, lb 5)	7
Total (38.4 overs)	123

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-53, 3-70, 4-85, 5-94, 6-102, 7-110, 8-113, 9-114.

BOWLING: Stephenson 6-0-28-1; Jarvis 5-0-20-0; Giddins 13.4-1-38-5, Salisbury 13-4-30-4; Hemmings 1-1-0-0

Bonus points: Sussex 4 Derbyshire 4.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and G I Burgess

Essex v Surrey

COLCHESTER (second day of four): Essex have scored 378 all out against Surrey

ESSEX: First Innings

N V Knight c Stewart b Cuffy	115
D D J Robinson c Stewart b Kendrick	38
J J B Lewis b Hollioake	52
N Hussain b Hollioake	16
R C Irani c Butcher b Hollioake	10
†M A Garnham b M P Bicknell	55
*J P Stephenson c Stewart b Cuffy	20
M S Kasprowicz b Benjamin	10
M C Ilott not out	8
P M Such lbw b Benjamin	0
J H Childs c Cuffy b M P Bicknell	9
Extras (lb 12, w 1, nb 32)	45
Total (106 overs)	378

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1'6, 2-225, 3-231, 4-246, 5-273, 6-333, 7-350, 8-350, 9-351

BOWLING: Cuffy 22-3-69-2; Benjamin 24-5-62-2; M P Bicknell 21-5-81-2; Smith 9-1-49-0; Kendrick 15-3-51-1, Hollioake 15-3-54-3.

SURREY: D J Bicknell, *†A J Stewart, G P Thorpe, A D Brown, A J Hollioake, A W Smith, M A Butcher, N M Kendrick, J E Benjamin, M P Bicknell and C E Cuffy.

Bonus points: Essex 4 Surrey 4.

Umpires: H D Bird and A A Jones

Leicestershire v Worcestershire

LEICESTER (second day of four). Worcestershire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 78 runs behind Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

P V Simmons c Leatherdale b Lampitt	20
*N E Briers c Moody b Newport	17
T J Boon c Hick b Lampitt	20
J J Whitaker b Lampitt	36
V J Wells c Rhodes b Haynes	36
D L Maddy lbw b Radford	9
†P A Nixon b Newport	35
G J Parsons c Illingworth b Radford	24
A R K Pierson not out	38
D J Millns c Illingworth b Newport	1
A D Mullally b Radford	17
Extras (lb 10, nb 20)	30
Total (80 overs)	283

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-45, 3-98, 4-113, 5-148, 6-168, 7-203, 8-250, 9-252.

BOWLING: Newport 27-3-89-3; Lampitt 30-9-81-3; Haynes 9-0-45-1; Radford 13-4-40-3; Illingworth 1-0-8-0

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis b Simmons	20
W P C Weston c Nixon b Mullally	3
G A Hick b Parsons	39
T M Moody c Pierson b Mullally	49
G R Haynes not out	48
R K Illingworth not out	20
Extras (b 8, lb 10, w 2, nb 8)	26
Total (4 wkts, 50 overs)	205

D A Leatherdale, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, P J Newport and N V Radford to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-74, 3-74, 4-174

BOWLING: Millns 12-1-50-0; Mullally 13-3-56-2, Parsons 12-3-23-1, Simmons 10-2-30-1; Wells 3-0-30-0

Bonus points: Leicestershire 3 Worcestershire 5.

Umpires: J D Bond and B J Meyer.

Tour match

Minor Counties v South Africans

TORQUAY (final day of three): Minor Counties drew with the South Africans

SOUTH AFRICANS: First Innings 249 (D J Cullinan 68)

Second Innings

G Kirsten c Graham b Arnold	10
A C Hudson c Wileman b Graham	22
W J Cronje c Dean b Arnold	1
*K C Wessels c Humphries b Graham	9
D J Cullinan c Myles b Bullen	36
J N Rhodes c Wileman b Newman	33
P N Kirsten not out	14
†G F J Liebenberg c Wileman b Bullen	0
P L Symcox not out	39
Extras (lb 1, nb 8)	9
Total (7 wkts dec)	173

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-35, 3-38, 4-54, 5-113, 6-125, 7-125.

BOWLING: Newman 14-5-51-1; Arnold 14-4-29-2; Graham 12-2-39-2; Scriven 1-0-11-0; Bullen 8.4-2-42-2.

MINOR COUNTIES: First Innings 153 for 2 dec (R J Evans 59)

Second Innings

S J Dean c Cronje b Shaw	34
R J Evans run out	30
J R Wileman b Symcox	8
*T Cockburn b Symcox	14
S D Myles not out	59
T J A Scriven run out	8
†M I Humphries run out	0
P G Newman st Liebenberg b Shaw	9
C K Bullen b Symcox	2
P C Graham c Wessels b Symcox	0
K A Arnold not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 3, nb 2)	10
Total (9 wkts)	173

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-70, 3-82, 4-95, 5-140, 6-141, 7-184, 8-167, 9-171.

BOWLING: Snell 5-0-24-0; Cronje 5-1-18-0; Shaw 21-5-63-2; Symcox 21-4-60-4.

Umpires: D J Halfyard and M K Reed.

Other match

England Under 19 v India Under 19

TAUNTON: England Under 19, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 240 runs to avoid an innings defeat against India Under 19

INDIA UNDER 19: First Innings

J Singh c Dawood b Silverwood	13
J Arun Comah c Dawood b Lugsden	0
A Mazumdar c Dawood b Betts	14
V V S Laxman c Trascothick b Betts	119
*A Sharma b Innes	105
†P Dharmani run out	84
S Pirani lbw b Innes	0
M Saif c Dawood b Lugsden	8
I Siddiqui c Vaughan b Silverwood	22
Balaji Rao not out	39
R Sanghvi not out	8
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 1, nb 8)	18
Total (9 wkts dec, 130 overs)	430

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-27, 3-27, 4-232, 5-269, 6-288, 7-278, 8-369, 9-392.

BOWLING: Silverwood 29-10-79-2, Lugsden 32-4-124-2; Innes 15-4-34-2; Betts 20-9-54-2, Morris 12-2-41-0; Keedy 18-4-62-0; Vaughan 4-0-27-0.

ENGLAND UNDER 19: First Innings

M E Trescothick c Dharmani b Siddiqui	1
*M P Vaughan b Saif	1
A McGrath c Dharmani b Siddiqui	10
C Schofield c Pirani b Siddiqui	32
A C Morris c Sharma b Balaji Rao	52
K J Innes c Dharmani b Balaji Rao	50
† N Dawood lbw b Siddiqui	2
C E W Silverwood c Dharmani b Siddiqui	2
M M Betts b Balaji Rao	2
G Keedy c Laxman b Sharma	16
S Lugsden not out	0
Extras (lb 6, w 3, nb 2)	11
Total (92.5 overs)	179

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-2, 3-16, 4-32, 5-104, 6-112, 7-124, 8-139, 9-179.

BOWLING: Siddiqui 17-2-75-5; Saif 6-1-31-1; Sanghvi 17-6-26-0, Balaji Rao 8.5-1-34-3; Sharma 2-1-4-0; Pirani 2-0-3-1.

Second Innings

M E Trescothick not out	10
*M P Vaughan not out	0
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	11

BOWLING: Siddiqui 2-0-10-0; Saif 2-0-1-0

Umpires: J H Harris and P Wiley.

Land of legends suffers at hands of new cult heroes

FROM DAVID MILLER IN HELSINKI

FINLAND this week has, reluctantly, been witness to the death of its national sport: middle and long-distance running. The likely tally of European athletics championship medals for the land of the legendary Kolehmainen, Nurmi and Viren is likely to be one javelin silver and two for walking (or running, some would say).

What anguish! It was symptomatic of the social situation that affects sport that in the opening ceremony parading flag-bearers swept down the track ... on rollerskates.

Lasse Viren, remembered for his magnificent 5,000/10,000 metres double-double at the Munich and Montreal Olympic Games, speaks for every Finnish coach, official and supporter when he says: "Life has become so easy, young people are not used to pushing themselves. They are unaccustomed to trying hard, in the way that is essential to succeed in middle-distance running — the way that is natural to the Kenyans, who see what running can do for them, individually, and have few other distractions."

The culture of Finnish youth has become softened by the imported American-style life; the collective fun-life that militates against the lonely self-discipline of the long-distance runner. Youngsters have become scared in two ways: of a lack of camaraderie, and of trying and being seen to fail.

Risto Ulmala was Finland's only representative for the two longer track distances at the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992 and failed to qualify in either. "Ulmala Faces the Rage of the Public" the headlines back home declared. When Ulmala qualified on Thursday for the 5,000 metres final tomorrow, the crowd's fanaticism was such that you would have supposed he had won the event.

"You must be trained to ignore the pressures," Viren said. "It's a question of attitude. The marketing of long-distance running for youngsters, by our federation and coaches, should be more positive. It is too often said to be hard and lonely, but doesn't have to be so. If you do well, you will be rewarded, mentally as well as financially."

Asked how he would have handled the distraction of today's huge prizes for events outside the main championships — in road running and grand prix events — he smiles, and gives the same answer as Sebastian Coe. "If you win the acclaim [for championship success], the money will follow. At present, the balance is wrong — and anyway, the big-money events are something of a lottery."

Finland, the land of forests, clear skies, severe winters and individualism, pioneered systematic training. The triumphs of Nurmi were no accident, any more than those of Ovett, Coe and Cram, but the reward of immense hard work allied to their talent.

There was a previous lean period, 1936 to 1968, with only one Olympic medal, until Viren's renowned revival of the nation's reputation. But since Martti Vainio's medal in 1984 — and ignominious disqualification for a positive drugs test — Finland has languished again. Matti Hanus, a leading athletics authority, observed: "Hard work no longer has respect. Everything has to be obtained *fast*. The present trend is frightening. The cult heroes of today's youth are fictional video figures with huge muscles, even though we still have many joggers and leisure marathon runners."

Carl-Olaf Homen, the president of the European Athletics Association, points to the same difficulties as Hanus: that a 5,000 metres runner achieving, say, 13min 45sec may not even get his result in the newspapers, such is the competition from 20 or 30 other contemporary sports. Additionally, Finland's five million population has a numerical handicap in the expansion of sports.

"We have about 60,000 people for each age-year, say 12-year-olds," Homen explained. "Given the counter-attraction of many new team and individual sports, that means we have perhaps only 1,000-2,000 12-year-olds following athletics, with a relatively small chance of producing even two or three potentially exceptional performers. It is easier to reach the top elsewhere. I admire our success in ski jumping, for example, but there are probably only a thousand serious ski jumpers in the world and it is proportionally easier to succeed."

For the moment, Finland's attention is focused on a girl of 17, Annemari Sandell, fourth in the world junior 10,000 metres. Sandell's maturity may not come till the time of the Olympic Games in Atlanta. Finland's running pride may yet be retrieved ... by a woman.

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Nerurkar leaves nothing to chance in bid for gold

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN HELSINKI

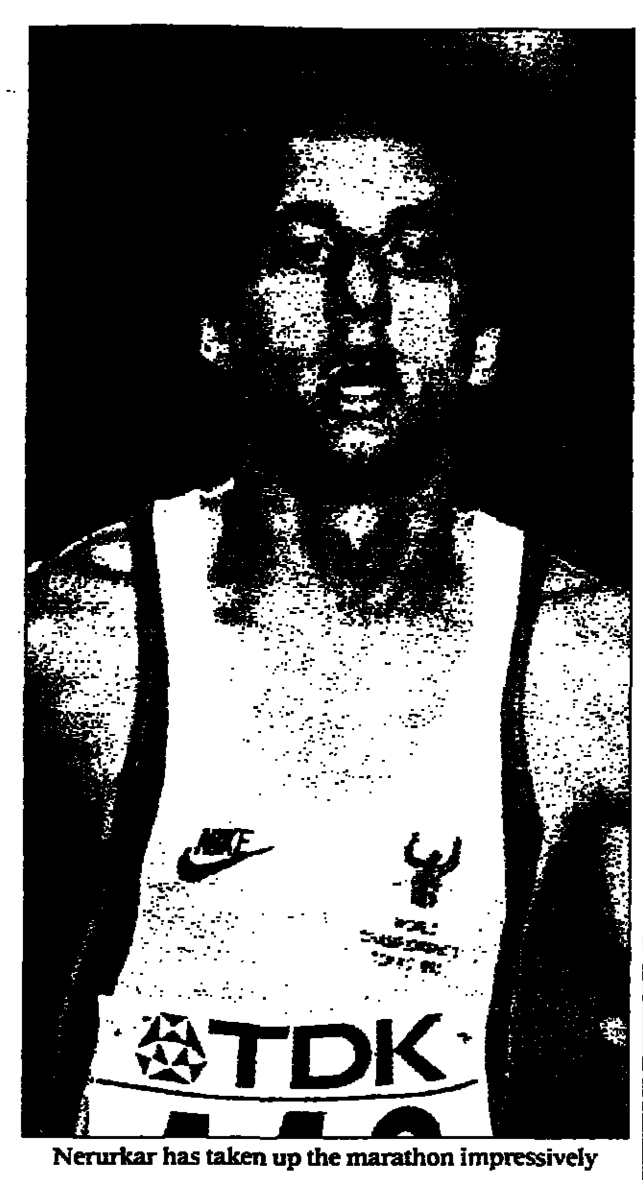
RARE is the runner who, having won a European title himself, then coaches an athlete to similar success. Bruce Tulloh, the barefoot winner of the 1962 European 5,000 metres, confidently awaits the second half of his double as Richard Nerurkar looks towards a victory in the marathon here tomorrow.

It is doubtful whether two finer British minds have combined to plot a championship success. Nerurkar, 30, has degrees from Harvard and Oxford: Tulloh is a retired public school biology teacher, whose scientific approach to training and racing is precision itself.

Nerurkar was Britain's best 10,000 metres runner when he turned to the marathon last year, with spectacular success. He won Hamburg in 2hr 10min 57sec and the World Cup in San Sebastián in 2hr 10min 3sec. The first was expertly judged, dropping 55 seconds off the pace at one point but running the second half quicker than the first. In San Sebastián, he ran with the leaders before making his break in the 24th mile.

Tulloh was thrilled with Hamburg: "I felt like Napoleon," he wrote in a magazine article. "It was tremendously satisfying, having planned the training, the tapering and tactics, to watch Richard demolish the field."

Tulloh identifies three qualities needed to run a sub-2hr 10min marathon and notes Nerurkar possesses them: "His VO2 max [maximal rate of oxygen uptake] is consistently in the mid-eighties, making five-minute miling comfortable for a while."



Nerurkar has taken up the marathon impressively

Thus class is allied with the ability to train without suffering injury, leading to the third quality, attention to detail: none is too small. At the World Cup, Tulloh appeared at three feeding stations to move his athlete's drink closer to the front of each table so he could snatch it without having to bend for it.

Since returning from injury in April, Nerurkar has had four months of good training, including three weeks at an altitude camp in the French Pyrenees, where he prepared for the World Cup. He believes tomorrow's course, which comprises four undulating laps, has been chosen for an exciting race rather than a fast one.

After the World Cup, Nerurkar could have taken a handsome fee to appear in the London Marathon, but he remained single-minded about the European championships. "Since I entered international level, my ambition has been to perform well at championship level," he said.

"I have a contract with a shoe company that gives me a good salary and the two marathons I ran last year were good pay-days. That has helped me not to have to revise my feelings about running championship marathons."

Legacy of injury puts the Bowe camp in turmoil

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN ATLANTIC CITY

RIDDICK Bowe's management and training team are putting a brave face on it, but an air of uncertainty hangs over the camp of the former heavyweight champion, who has been putting the finishing touches here to his preparation for a bout with Buster Mathis Jr at the Convention Centre tonight.

Bowe has not boxed for nine months. For three of those months he has been immobilised by a back injury. He is only just beginning to take his first steps back onto the road of the world title. Indeed, he had his first run in four months yesterday. He ran for 48 minutes.

Bowe looks in excellent shape. He is just one pound heavier, at 247lb, than he was when he lost to Evander Holyfield last November. But he has better fat distribution now, thanks to Mackie Shilstone, a leading sports medicine practitioner.

Bowe should have no trouble with Mathis, who is inexperienced, 23lb lighter, five inches shorter than the 6ft 5in former champion and a non-puncher, but Eddie Futch, Bowe's trainer, and Rock Newman, his manager, are going about looking like worried men who will be able to relax only when they have Bowe back in the dressing-room after the bout. Right up to the contest, Bowe will be on remedial exercises.

The 83-year-old trainer said: "Bringing Riddick around to the point where I feel he is most effective has been a little difficult. He was pretty discouraged, as were all of us. One vertebra is out of line.

"He threw a left hook in training back in May and got these spasms that caused a serious problem. It got to a stage where he could hardly move. We went back to Mackie Shilstone and he did all his roadwork in a watertank, a treadmill.

"Shilstone found the solution. With his therapy, we were able to rid ourselves of the back problems. At the end of the camp he was around 250lb, but I began to see all the things I needed to see."

Futch knows that his and Bowe's problems are not over. "It is going to be uphill all the way," Futch said. "It is like starting all over again." He admitted that Bowe had trouble keeping weight down and focusing on training. "Mentally, he has come round and his focus has also returned," Futch said.

Bowe was 265lb just over four weeks ago when he and Futch took their problems to Shilstone in New Orleans. Shilstone brought the weight down to where he is today, but there are fears that after Christmas Bowe could balloon to 265lb again. "I think it might be necessary to take another fight after this one, if he doesn't fight Lennox Lewis in December," Futch said.

Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, almost certainly realising Bowe's problems, is trying to arrange the bout for March.

Shilstone said that working for the last month under control conditions would not affect Bowe's boxing, but Futch and Newman are waiting to see how their man handles Mathis before making further plans.

Mathis, though small, is a busy boxer and believes he can pose problems for Bowe by making him work at a rate he is not used to. It is highly unlikely that Mathis will keep going beyond four or five rounds if Bowe is back to his old form.

FOR THE RECORD

Men

110M HURDLES: Semi-finals (first four in each heat to final): Heat 1: 1, C Jackson (GB) 13.04sec; 2, D Philibert (Fr) 13.45; 3, G Boroi (Rom) 13.53; 4, M Fenner (Ger) 13.55; 5, A Tulloch (GB) 13.62; 6, J N'Senga (Bel) 13.69; 7, J Kahkonen (Fin) 13.73. Did not start: M McKoy (Austria). Heat 2: 1, A Jarrett (GB) 13.32; 2, F Schwarthoff (Ger) 13.38; 3, C Edorh (Ger) 13.47; 4, A Haapakoski (Fin) 13.52; 5, L Ottoz (It) 13.53; 6, T J Kearns (Ire) 13.60; 7, K Kyllonen (Fin) 13.63; 8, N Eriksson (Swe) 13.67. Final: 1, Jackson 13.08sec; 2, Schwarthoff 13.16; 3, Jarrett 13.23; 4, Edorh 13.41; 5, Fenner 13.53; 6, Haapakoski 13.54; 7, Philibert 13.54; 8, Boroi 13.61.

800 METRES: Semi-finals (first four in each heat go through to final): Heat 1: 1, A Benvenuti (It) 1min 47.01sec; 2, A Douglas (Nor) 1:47.15; 3, J Cerezo (Sp) 1:47.24; 4, C Winrow (GB) 1:47.24; 5, M Koers (Holl) 1:47.52; 6, M Soderman (Fin) 1:48.00; 7, F Cornette (Fr) 1:48.49; 8, D Cadoni (It) 1:50.23. Heat 2: 1, N Motchebon (Ger) 1:45.75; 2, V Rodal (Nor) 1:45.80; 3, G D'Urso (It) 1:45.88; 4, T de Teresa (Sp) 1:45.89; 5, A Loginov (Russ) 1:46.18; 6, T Johansson (Swe) 1:46.25; 7, B Konczylo (Fr) 1:46.63; 8, J Kokkola (Fin) 1:47.35.

3,000M STEEPLECHASE: Final: 1, A Lambruschini (It) 8min 22.40sec; 2, A Carosi (It) 8:23.53; 3, W van Dijck (Bel) 8:24.86; 4, M Rowland (GB) 8:26.00; 5, V Pronin (Russ) 8:26.33; 6, M Strege (Ger) 8:26.36; 7, J Svenoy (Nor) 8:28.12; 8, F Panetta (It) 8:28.25; 9, K Bauermeister (Ger) 8:32.58; 10, T Hanlon (GB) 8:36.08; 11, J Chaston (GB) 8:36.83; 12, M Hackstener (Switz) 8:46.60.

DISCUS: Qualifying round (qualification: best 12 overall or 61m to final): Group A: 1, D Shevchenko (Russ) 62.46m; 2, V Dubrovshchik (Belo) 62.00; 3, A Seelig (Ger) 61.28; 4, N Sweeney (Ire) 59.34; 5, L Riedel (Ger) 58.66; 6, R Weir (GB) 57.18; 7, V Hafsteinsson (Ice) 57.18; 8, V Alekna (Lith) 56.38; 9, K Pettersson (Swe) 56.38; 10, K Pekola (Fin) 56.06. Group B: 1, S Lyakhov (Russ) 62.26; 2, A Horvath (Hun) 60.96; 3, C Grasu (Rom) 60.64; 4, J Schult (Ger) 60.62; 5, V Zinchenko (Ukr) 60.40; 6, S-I Valvik (Nor) 58.50; 7, S Lukashok (Isr) 57.78; 8, I Bugar (Cz) 56.64; 9, T Sinervo (Fin) 56.60; 10, D Fortuna (It) 55.70; 11, D Solhaug (Swe) 54.44.

SHOT: Qualifying round (19.80m or first 12 go through to final): Group A: 1, D Peric (Yug) 19.64m; 2, A Klimenko (Ukr) 19.45; 3, M Halvari (Fin) 19.29; 4, S Kleiza (Lith) 18.77; 5, T Herbrand (Ger) 18.65; 6, C Fantini (It) 18.64; 7, P Edwards (GB) 18.54; 8, H Wennberg (Swe) 18.52; 9, S Buder (Ger) 18.41; 10, K Ove Hauge (Nor) 18.23; 11, A Kiisa (Est) 17.01. No mark recorded: S Nikolayev (Russ); D Goncharuk (Belo). Group B: 1, P Gudmundsson (Ice) 19.69; 2, A Bagach (Ukr) 19.65; 3, R Virastyuk (Ukr) 19.25; 4, P dal Soglio (It) 19.23; 5, M Koistinen (Fin) 19.05; 6, R Holl (Nor) 18.89; 7, M Martinez (Sp) 18.53; 8, J Reinhardt (Ger) 18.33; 9, J Koczian (Hun) 18.20; 10, K Larsson (Swe) 18.19; 11, S Tallhem (Swe) 18.07; 12, A Paljakka (Fin) 18.00.

Women

400M HURDLES: Final: 1, S Gunnell (GB) 53.33sec; 2, S Rieger (Ger) 54.68; 3, A Knoroz (Russ) 54.68; 4, H Meissner (Ger) 54.79; 5, T Kurochkina (Belo) 55.18; 6, T Tereshchuk (Ukr) 55.53; 7, O Nazarova (Russ) 55.98; 8, G Retchakan (GB) 56.05.

LONG JUMP: Final: 1, H Drechsler (Ger) 7.14m; 2, I Kravets (Ukr) 6.99; 3, F May (It) 6.90; 4, R Nielsen (Den) 6.82; 5, L Ninova (Austria) 6.80; 6, A Karczmarek (Pol) 6.67; 7, I Mushailova (Russ) 6.62; 8, I Prandzheva (Bul) 6.56; 9, Y Idowu (GB) 6.46; 10, N Xanthou (Gr) 6.44; 11, O Rublyova (Russ) 6.41; 12, Y Khlopotnova (Ukr) 6.24.

HIGH JUMP: Qualifying round (qualification 1.92m or first 12 to final): Group A: 1, B Bilac (Slovenia) 1.92m; 2, H Henkel (Ger) 1.92; 3, I Babakova (Ukr) 1.92; 4, Y Gulyayeva (Russ) 1.92; 5, Z Kovacikova (Cz) 1.90; 6, K Majchrzak (Pol) 1.90; 7, O Bolshova (Mol) 1.90; 8, Y Zhdanova (Russ) 1.90; 9, E Mitusheva (Bul) 1.88; 10 equal, J Bennett (GB) 1.85; 10 equal, S Fricot (Fr) 1.85; 10 equal, M Jagar (Rom) 1.85; 13, V Gotovska (Lat) 1.85; 14, P Zink (Den) 1.85; 15 equal, H-S Andersen (Nor) 1.80; 15 equal, C Ellinger (Switz) 1.80; 17, T Khramova (Belo) 1.80. No valid jumps: L Rihakova (Slovakia). Group B: 1, T Shevchik (Belo) 1.92; 2, N Zilinskiene (Lith) 1.92; 3, Y Topchina (Russ) 1.92; 4, S Leseva (Bul) 1.92; 5 equal, H Balck (Ger) 1.90; 5 equal, H Haugland (Nor) 1.90; 5 equal, S Kirchmann (Austria) 1.90; 8, S Caduff (Switz) 1.90; 9, I Gilzrutsa (Mol) 1.90; 10 equal, L Sharpe (Ire) 1.85; 10 equal, A Bevilacqua (It) 1.85; 10 equal, D Jancewicz (Pol) 1.85; 13, E Fazekas (Hun) 1.85; 14, N Jonckheere (Bel) 1.85; 15, D Marti (GB) 1.85; 16, N Bakoyianni (Gr) 1.80; 17, L Haggett (GB) 1.75.

JAVELIN: 1, T Hattestad (Nor) 68.00m; 2, K Forkel (Ger) 66.10; 3, F Tilea (Rom) 64.34; 4, S Gast (Ger) 62.90; 5, R Ramanauskaite (Lith) 61.54; 6, T Damaske (Ger) 61.32; 7, K Zsigmond (Hun) 59.74; 8, A Selenska (Bul) 57.76; 9, N Teppe (Fr) 57.52; 10, T Uppa (Fin) 57.20; 11, C Isaila (Rom) 56.92; 12, J Jeppesen (Den) 56.06.

TODAY: 0700: 50 kilometres walk. 0730: Decathlon 110m hurdles. 0820: Women's 4 x 100m relay (heats). 0830: Decathlon discus. 0850: Men's 4 x 100m relay (heats). 1000: Decathlon discus. 1130: Decathlon pole vault. 1400: Decathlon javelin. 1520: Decathlon javelin. 1610: Men's triple jump (final). 1620: Women's 4 x 100m relay (final). 1635: Men's 4 x 100m relay (final). 1650: Women's 10,000m (final). 1700: Men's shot (final). 1750: Decathlon 1,500m. 1835: Men's 4 x 400m relay (heats). 1905: Women's 4 x 400m relay (heat). 1920: Women's 4 x 400m relay (heat).

TOMORROW: 0730: Men's marathon. 1230: Women's high jump (final). 1300: Men's discus (final). 1315: Men's 800m (final). 1345: Women's 1,500m (final). 1410: Women's 4 x 400m relay (final). 1435: Men's 4 x 400m relay (final). 1505: 5,000m (final).

TELEVISION: Today: *BBC1 1230-1730 (in Saturday Grandstand). BBC2 1615-1800 (with golf), 1800-1930 (with highlights). Tomorrow: BBC1 0725-0950, 1305-1530, 2305-0015 (with football). BBC2 1230-1830 (review).*

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Diego 8 Houston 6; Los Angeles 2 Cincinnati 0; Atlanta 13 Colorado 0; St Louis 8 Florida 6 (in 7½); Philadelphia 2 New York 1 (in 15); Pittsburgh 4 Montreal 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee 10 Detroit 5; Toronto 8 New York 7 (in 13); Seattle 8 Oakland 1. Postponed: Baltimore v Boston (rain).

MANAGUA: World amateur championships: Quarter-finals: Nicaragua 10 Panama 4; Cuba 15 United States 2; Japan 6 Taiwan 5; South Korea 13 Italy 2.

BASKETBALL

TORONTO: World championships: Quarter-finals: Group I: Australia 94 P Rico 81. Group II: Canada 90 China 58. Group III: Spain 72 Argentina 70, S Korea 89 Egypt 81; Germany 86 Cuba 74; Angola 79 Brazil 78.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Open tournament: Singles: Quarter-finals: L Dickson (Wimbledon Dunstord) bt A Mason (Star and Crescent) 21-8; M Dare (King's, Torquay) bt J Davis (Holt, Wilts) 21-15; B Dixon (Leigh Park) bt J Godfrey (Henfield) 21-18; M Overington (Cranleigh, Royal British Legion) bt E Parsons (Worthing) 21-15. Semi-finals: Dare bt Dickson 21-17; Dixon bt Overington 21-18. *Triples: Semi-finals:* E Hayward (Worthing), B Jones (Uxbridge) and W Hayward (Worthing) bt R Hurst (Essol), K Manderson (Athley) and R Wilkinson (Essol) 22-11; B Johns (Epsom Park), J Exton (Epsom) and K Caulder (Epsom Park) bt K Woolger, R Budd and P Hill (all Horsham) 21-16.

CRICKET

CAMBRIDGE: Under-19 festival: Lancashire 303-5. Lincolnshire 245. Lancashire won by 58 runs. Essex 158. Sussex 160-8. Sussex won by 2 wickets. Huntingdonshire 162. Leicestershire 164-1. Leicestershire won by 9 wickets. Cambridgeshire 192. Surrey 194-5. Surrey won by 5 wickets. Lancashire 282. Sussex 91-5. Lancashire won on run rate. Surrey 253-9. Middlesex 234-9. Surrey won on run rate. Suffolk 213-9. Hunts 141. Suffolk won on run rate. Leicestershire 155. Yorkshire 137-5. Yorkshire won on run rate.

EQUESTRIANISM

GATCOMBE PARK: Calor Gas British Open Championships (after first day of dressage): 1, Too Smart (K Dixon) 28; 2, Kibah Tic Toc (M Ryan, Aus) 31; 3 equal, Haig (L Law), Metronome (P Funnell) and Tempo (B Tait) 33; 6, Vital Decision (T Boon) 35. Land-Rover FEI World Rider Rankings: 1, M Todd (NZ) 278; 2, K Dixon (GB) 250; 3, B Tait (NZ) 178. Pet Plan Burghley Young Event Horse: 4-year-old: 1, Away with the Fairies (T Rampton). 5-year-old: 1, Designer Tramp (P Funnell).

DUBLIN: International Horse Show: Nations' Cup (Aga Khan Trophy): 1, Great Britain (Everest Limited Edition, N Skelton, 0-0; Everest Two Step, M Whitaker, 0-0; Endeavour, A Bradley, 8-4; Granmusch, J Whitaker, 0-0) Total score 0; 2 equal, Germany, France and Switzerland. Total score 4; 5, Ireland. Total score 4¼.

FOOTBALL

European Cup
Preliminary round, first leg

BARRY TOWN (0) 0 Z VILNIUS (0) 1
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Sent off: D'Auria (Barry Town), 64min

BANGOR (0) 0 T PRESOV (0) 1
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Sent off: Batey (Bangor) 81min

OTHER MATCHES: Viktoria Zizkov (Cz) 1 IFK Norrkoping (Swe) 0; Norma Tallinn (Est) 1 Maribor Branik (Slovenia) 4; FC Pirin (Bul) 3 Schaan (Liech) 0; Tiligul Tiraspol (Mol) 0 Omonia Nicosia (Cyp) 1; Fandok Bobruisk (Belo) 4 Tirana (Alb) 1; Bodoe Glimt (Nor) 6 Olimpija Riga (Lat) 0; Ferencvaros (Hun) 6 F 91 Dudelange (Lux) 1; Floriana (Malta) 2 Sligo Rovers (Ire) 2; Sandovar Itrottarfelag (Faroe Is) 0 HJK Helsinki (Fin) 5; IBK Keflavik (Ice) 1 Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr) 2.

BORD GAIS NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Section A: Drogheda Utd 0 Dundalk 5

GLIDING

BICESTER, Oxon: National Standard Class Championships: Third day (328km poly), Worcester, Shrewsbury, Hereford: 40 completions of 45): 1, A Davis (Discus), 75.0kph, 1,000pts; 2, S Jones (Discus), 73.6, 978; 3, R Cheetham (LS7W), 73.8, 977; 4, G Metcalfe (ASW24), 73.0, 964; 5, W Aspland (ASW24), 72.2, 950. Fourth day (225km poly, Birdlip, Evesham, Sywell: 12 completions of 45): 1, Davis 76.5kph, 1,000pts; 2, S White (LS7W), 69.0, 961; 3, Young 68.9, 960; 4, Milner 67.6, 953; 5, W Kay (ASW24), 64.1, 935. Overall (four days, of 45): 1, Davis, 3,081pts; 2, Young, 3,034; 3, S Jones, 2,932; 4, Watt, 2,919; 5, P Crabb, 2,850. No task fifth day.

GOLF

HAUGSCHLAG: Austrian open: Leading second round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 133: P Walton 68, 65. 135: M Nichols 68, 67. *P Broadhurst 67, 68.* 137: *R Chapman 71, 66;* M Besanceney (Fr) 69, 68; C Moody 68, 69; M Davis 68, 69; P Simpson 71, 66. 138: H Thul (Ger) 69, 69; A Lebouc (Fr) 68, 70; J Coceres (Arg) 70, 68; A Sherborne 73, 65. 139: S Bottomley 67, 72; J McHenry 71, 68; M Scarpa (It) 71, 68; P Mayo 71, 68; G Ryall 68, 71. 140: P Fowler (Aus) 70, 70; D Borrego (Sp) 72, 68; B Malley (US) 69, 71; M Krantz (Swe) 72, 68; P Golding 66, 74; B Barnes 68, 72; B Hughes (Aus) 70, 70; R Rafferty 70, 70; R Goosen (SA) 68, 72; A Hare 67, 73. 141: S Hamill 70, 71; D Williams 71, 70; M Zerman (It) 72, 69; A Cejka (Ger) 69, 72; I Spencer 68, 73; J Robson 69, 72; M Poxon 70, 71; C Jamnian (Thai) 73, 68; S van Vuuren (SA) 71, 70; A Coltart 72, 69; R Drummond 71, 70; R Willson 72, 69; I Pyman 71, 70.

ROYAL ST DAVID'S: British youth championship: Leading first round scores: 68: F Jacobsen (Swe). 67: P Wilkins (Brockmans Park). 68: S Davis (Kedleston Park), N Isherwood (Beau Desert), I Ferrie (Alnmouth). 69: A Marshall (Dereham); S Hurd (Horsforth), S Drummond (Shrewsbury), C Hunter (Prudhoe), J Knight (Sandiford Springs); M Rogers (Hazel Grove), J Grimshaw (Derwent).

LITTLE ASTON: British Boys Open Championship: Final: C Smith (Scarborough Southcliff) bt C Rodgers (Royal Mid Surrey) 2 and 1.

MODERN PENTATHLON

SHEFFIELD: World championships: Leading qualifiers (for women's final): Group I: 1, D Idzi (Pol) 4,181pts; 2, C Minelli (It) 4,166; 3, P Svarre (Den) 4,165; 4, B Boccolari (It) 4,124; 5, O Voronovich (Russ) 4,123. Group II: 1, B Ottarow (Ger) 4,201; 2, K Danielsson (Swe) 4,199; 3, Z Shubyonok (Belo) 4,198; 4, K Chiller (Aus) 4,191; 5, A Suima (Pol) 4,190.

REAL TENNIS

HOBART: Australian Open: Quarter-finals (Aus unless stated): R Fahey bt P Tabley 6-2, 6-3, 6-1; S Filippelli bt M Happell 6-4, 0-6, 6-5, 4-6, 6-0; W Davies bt G Hyland 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; J Snow (GB) bt P Meres 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

SHOOTING

OTTAWA: Canadian National rifle championships: Outlander Match (Teams of 8): 1, GB Blue 1,166.137 (R Britton 150.17); 2, GB Red 1,164.124 (A Gent 148.21); 3, Ireland 1,153.115; 4, Germany 1,073.73. Under 25 Match (Teams of 4): 1, Oxford and Cambridge 577.59; 2, Canada 564.51. Rex Goddard Trophy: 1, Canadian Cadets 722.31+796.72=1,518.133; Athelings 761.60+755.61=1,516.121. All Comers Agg (Short Ranges): 1, A Grundy (Can) 602.84; 4, A Gent (GB) 598.95. Maple Leaf Agg (500 and 600): 1, D Armstrong (GB) 367.53; 2, Grundy 367.50. Short Range Agg (300m): 1, C Slator (N Ire) 235.43; 2, S Birkenhead (Cambridge) 235.41. Gibson (300, 600 and 800m): 1, S Frost (Can) 149.25; 2, G Childs (GB) 149.23. Imperial Cadet Cup: 1, P Patel (Athelings) 296.39; 2, D Luckman (Athelings) 294.40. Champlain Agg (300 and 600m): 1, M Bourque (Can) 185.32; 2, Childs 185.30.

SQUASH

CHRISTCHURCH: World junior championships: Semi-finals: England 2 Australia 1 (C Tomlinson bt M Fileni 3-2; J Higgins bt D Mudge 3-1; M Cowie lost to P Price 2-3). Egypt 3 Finland 0. Play-offs: France 2 Canada 1; Pakistan 2 Germany 1; Argentina 3 Sweden 0; Malaysia 3 Italy 0; South Africa 3 Wales 0; New Zealand 2 Hong Kong 1; Denmark 2 India 1; Switzerland 2 Scotland 1; Kuwait 2 Brazil 1; United States 3 Holland 0.

TENNIS

LOS ANGELES: Women's tournament: Third round (US unless stated): Z Garrison-Jackson bt N Tauziat (Fr) 7-5, 1-6, 6-4; A Frazier bt A Huber (Ger) 6-0, 7-5; P Hy (Can) bt K Po 7-5, 6-0; A Grossman bt M Navratilova 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; J Novotna (Cz) bt P Fendick 6-3, 6-4; J Halard (Fr) bt A Gavaldon 6-4, 6-3; S Appelmans (Bel) bt S Testud (Fr) 5-7, 6-1, 7-5; C Martinez (Sp) bt E Likhovtseva (Kaz) 6-0, 6-0.

CINCINNATI: Men's tournament (US unless stated): Third round: M Stich (Ger) bt J Grabb 6-2, 6-7, 7-6; M Chang bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; D Wheaton bt S Bruguera (Sp) 6-2, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt M Washington 6-3, 6-4; J Courier bt S Stolle (Aus) 6-3, 6-4; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt B Becker (Ger) 7-6, 6-4; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt W Ferreira (SA) 6-0, 6-1; A O'Brien bt T Enqvist (Swe) 6-4, 6-3.

YACHTING

FALMOUTH: Laser 5000 National championships: Race 6: 1, A and I Budgen; 2, P Brotherton and S Kyffin; 3, J and C Davison. Race 7: 1, A and I Budgen; 2, P Brotherton and S Kyffin; 3, D and M Lucas. Race 8: 1, J Burnie and T Jordan; 2, M Straw and D McNamara; 3, D and M Lucas. Overall: 1, A and I Budgen (Weston SC); 2, D and M Lucas (Grafham SC); 3, M Jaques and S Mummery (Leigh on Solent SC).

STOCKHOLM: Tornado world championships: Fourth day: Overall: 1, A Hagara (Austria) 41.00pts; 2, H Sach (Ger) 41.75; 3, F Leon (Sp) 44; 4, R Hagara (Austria) 69.75; 5, D Sweeney (Canada) 74.

ROYAL LYMINGTON REGATTA: Laser: 1, J Roy 13.0; 2, S Akester 26; 3, A Walford 30.75. *Lymington Scow: 1, T Barnett 11; 2, Wilson* 21.25; 3, D Robjohn 46.75. Avon Scow: 1, C Cooke-Hume 13.75; 2, T Hamilton 26.25; 3, N Benson 27.5. Cadet: 1, D Smith 10; 2, W Storey 21.25; 3, T O'Kelly 27.75. Optimist: 1, N Cully 11.75; 2, M Lees 15.25; 3, J Garcia 19.25. Firefly: 1, C Bunce 10.25; 2, K Barlow 15.75; 3, T Jones 18.5. Topper: 1, O Cully 7.25; 2, J Walford 20.75; 3, A Wilson 22.5. Wayfarer: 1, J Morrow 21.5; 2, H MacAlaster 23.25; 3, M Clegg 29.25.

PWLLHELI: Rover Optimist National Championships: Seniors: 1, S de Vries (Holl) 7.5pts; 2, G Vials (GB) 26.25; 3, L Westerhof (Holl) 29.75; 4, E Klinkenberg (Holl) 37.75; 5, M Campbell-James (GB) 38.5. Juniors: 1, M Richmond (GB) 24.25; 2, D da Silva Curiel (Holl) 34.75; 3, C Lough (Ire) 40.5; 4, A Walsh (GB) 47.75; 5 equal, J Spencer (GB) and R Brown (GB) 85.

TODAY

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
Pools coupon numbers in brackets

FOOTBALL

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
(1) Barnsley v Derby
(2) Bristol City v Sunderland
(3) Grimsby v Bolton
(4) Luton v West Brom
(5) Middlesbrough v Burnley
(6) Millwall v Southend
(7) Oldham v Charlton
(8) Portsmouth v Notts County
(9) Sheff United v Watford
(-) Stoke v Tranmere
(10) Wolverhampton v Reading

Second division
(11) Blackpool v Huddersfield
(12) Chester v Bradford
(13) Leyton Orient v Birmingham
(14) Oxford United v Hull
(15) Peterborough v Bristol Rovers
(16) Plymouth v Brentford
(17) Rotherham v Shrewsbury
(18) Stockport v Cardiff
(19) Swansea v Brighton
(20) Wrexham v Bournemouth
(21) Wycombe v Cambridge United
(22) York v Crewe

Third division
(23) Barnet v Scunthorpe
(24) Bury v Rochdale
(25) Carlisle v Wigan
(26) Chesterfield v Scarborough
(27) Colchester v Torquay
(28) Darlington v Preston
(29) Fulham v Walsall
(30) Gillingham v Hartlepool
(31) Hereford v Doncaster
(32) Lincoln v Exeter

Diadora League
Premier division
(33) Bishop Stortford v Marlow
(34) Bromley v Carshalton
(35) Dulwich v Yeading
(36) Enfield v Aylesbury
(37) Hayes v Purfleet
(38) Hitchin v Kingstonian
(39) St Albans v Molesey
(40) Slough v Hendon
(41) Sutton United v Grays
(42) Walton and Hersham v Chesham
(43) Wokingham v Harrow

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
(44) Aberdeen v Hearts
(45) Falkirk v Celtic
(46) Hibernian v Dundee United
(47) Partick v Kilmarnock
(48) Rangers v Motherwell

First division
(49) Airdrie v Dunfermline
(50) Ayr v Hamilton
(51) Clydebank v Stranraer
(52) Dundee v St Mirren
(53) Raith v St Johnstone

Second division
(54) Brechin v Meadowbank
(55) Greenock Morton v Berwick
(56) Queen Of South v Dumbarton
(57) Stenhousemuir v Clyde
(58) Stirling v East Fife

Third division
Albion v Alloa
Caledonian v Arbroath
Cowdenbeath v Ross County
Montrose v East Stirling
Queen's Park v Forfar

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Arsenal v Crystal Palace; Leicester v Rapid Bucharest; Shelbourne v Leeds United.

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Abingdon Town v Boreham Wood; Aldershot Town v Billericay Town; Chertsey Town v Maidenhead United; Dorking v Basingstoke Town; Heybridge Swifts v Bognor Regis Town; Ruislip Manor v Berkhamsted Town; Staines Town v Tooting and Mitcham; Wembley v Uxbridge; Whyteleafe v Leyton; Wivenhoe Town v Newbury Town; Worthing v Barking. Second division: Aveley v Chalfont St Peter; Bracknell Town v Cheshunt; Hungerford Town v Malden Vale; Leatherhead v Metropolitan Police; Oxford City v Barton Rovers; Saffron Walden Town v Egham Town; Thame United v Banstead Athletic; Tilbury v Hampton; Ware v Hemel Hempstead; Windsor and Eton v Edgware Town; Witham v Croydon. Third division: Clapton v Hertford Town; Collier Row v Bedford Town; East Thurrock United v Flackwell Heath; Epsom and Ewell v Camberley Town; Feltham and Hounslow B v Horsham; Harefield United v Hornchurch; Harlow Town v Southall; Kingsbury Town v Lewes; Leighton Town v Cove; Northwood v Canvey Island.

ULSTER CUP: Section A: Carrick v Glentoran; 73 Linfield v Bangor. Section B: Newry v Coleraine; Portadown v Ards. Section C: Glenavon v Distillery; Omagh Town v Ballyclare. Section D: Crusaders v Cliftonville; Larne v Ballymena.

BORD GAIS NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Section A: Cobh Ramblers v Kilkenny City (7.0).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Challenge Shield: Marine v Spennymoor United.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Blackpool Rovers v Salford City; Bradford Park Avenue v Newcastle Town; Chadderton v Bootle; Darwen v Eastwood Hanley; Glossop North End v St Helens Town; *Kidsgrove Athletic v Burscough;* Maine Road v Bacup Borough; Nantwich Town v Penrith; Prescot v Clitheroe; Rossendale United v Holker Old Boys; Skelmersdale United v Trafford.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chelsea v Portsmouth; Fulham v Watford; Gillingham v Charlton; Ipswich v Leyton Orient; Millwall v West Ham; Southend v Arsenal; Tottenham v QPR. Second division: Brighton v Wycombe Wanderers; Bristol Rovers v Bristol City; Colchester v Brentford; Luton v Crystal Palace; Oxford United v Swindon; Reading v Tottenham; Southampton v Bournemouth.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel v Oakwood; Crowborough Athletic v Newhaven; Burgess Hill Town v Portfield; Hailsham Town v East Grinstead; Pagham v Langney Sports; Stamco v Littlehampton Town; Three Bridges v Eastbourne Town; Southwick v Ringmer; Peacehaven and Telscombe v Shoreham.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Corinthian v Herne Bay; Cray Wanderers v Sheppey United; Crockenhill v Deranth Heathside; Deal Town v Slade Green; Faversham Town v Beckenham Town; Furness v Chatham Town; Thamesmead Town v Kent Police; Tunbridge Wells v Folkestone Invicta; Whitstable Town v Dartford; Canterbury City v Greenwich Borough.

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Challenge
11.0, first day of three
PONTYPRIDD: Glamorgan v South Africans

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, third day of four, 110 overs minimum
COLCHESTER: Essex v Surrey
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Durham
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Somerset
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Derbyshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Lancashire

Other match
11.0, third day of four
TAUNTON: England Under-19 v *India Under-19*

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET: World championship (Carden Park, Chester).
EQUESTRIANISM: British Open Horse Trials (Gatcombe Park).
GOLF: Weetabix Women's British Open (Woburn). Irish Senior Masters (Malone). British Youth championship (Royal St David's, Harlech).
MODERN PENTATHLON: World championship (Sheffield).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Locker Cup: Wigan v Warrington. Pre-season matches: Leigh v Carlisle; Rochdale Hornets v Oldham; St Helens v Widnes.
SPEEDWAY: British League (7.30): First division: Coventry v Reading; Cradley Heath v Eastbourne; King's Lynn v Bradford. Second division: Swindon v Long Eaton.

TOMORROW

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA CHARITY SHIELD
Manchester United v Blackburn Rovers (Wembley, 4.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Swindon v Port Vale

BORD GAIS NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Section A: Waterford v Cork City (12.0). Section B: Fanad United v Sligo Rovers (3.30); Finn Harps v Derry City (7.30). Section C: Salthill Devon v Athlone Town (3.30). Section D: Monaghan United v *Longford Town (2.30). Section E: Home Farm* v Bohemians. Section F: Shamrock Rovers v Bray Wanderers (3.30); UCD v St Patricks Athletic (7.0).

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Challenge
11.0, second day of three
PONTYPRIDD: Glamorgan v South Africans

AXA Equity & Law League
2.0, 40 overs
COLCHESTER: Essex v Surrey
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Durham
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Worcestershire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Somerset
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Derbyshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Lancashire

Other match
11.0, final day of four
TAUNTON: England Under-19 v India Under-19

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Marlow: Buckinghamshire v Norfolk; Bowdon: Cheshire v Oxfordshire; Lincoln Lindum: Lincolnshire v Bedfordshire; Jesmond: Northumberland v Cumbria; Colwyn Bay: Wales v Dorset; Swindon: Wiltshire v Berkshire.

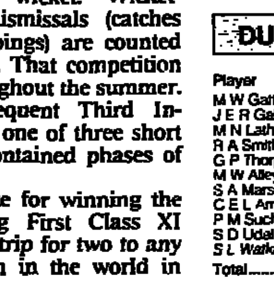
OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: BAFA senior bowl: London Amtrak Olympians v Birmingham Bulls (Leicester, 3.0).
CROQUET: World championship (Carden Park, Chester).
CYCLING: International classic (Leeds).
EQUESTRIANISM: British Open Horse Trials (Gatcombe Park).
GOLF: Weetabix Women's British Open (Woburn). Irish Senior Masters (Malone).
MODERN PENTATHLON: World championship (Sheffield).
MOTOR SPORT: British Touring Car Championship (Oulton Park).
SPEEDWAY: British League: First division: Bradford v King's Lynn (3.0); Eastbourne v Cradley Heath (3.30). Second division: Glasgow v Oxford (6.30); Newcastle v Exeter (7.0).

Alleyne and Marsh aid winning entry

ROBIN Johnson, of Wimborne, Dorset, has won the Third Innings of our First Class XI cricket game with his team, Duke Merley's XI. His prize for selecting the highest scoring team in the game, which is produced by exclusive arrangement with the Test and County Cricket Board and in association with Canon UK, is JVC Nicam television and video equipment worth more than £1,000.

Mr Johnson's XI featured good performances from his all-rounder, Mark Alleyne, and his wicketkeeper, Steve Marsh. Both players contributed more than 800 points towards his winning total of 5,660. The three Third Innings runners-up win trips for *two to a Test match.*



Entrants to First Class XI cricket were required to pick an imaginary team of 11 real players. Every run those players make and every wicket they take counts towards the team score. One point is awarded *for each run and 20* for each wicket. Wicket-keeping dismissals (catches and stumpings) are counted as wickets. That competition runs throughout the summer. The subsequent Third Innings was one of three short and self-contained phases of the game.

The prize for winning the season-long First Class XI game is a trip for two to any Test match in the world in 1995. That is being provided by Whittakers World Sports Travel, in association with Simply Tropix. The prize includes flights, accommodation and tickets to all five days of the Test.

DUKE MERLEY'S XI

Player	Runs	Wkts	Pts
M W Gatting	516	1	536
J E R Gallian	268	5	368
M N Lathwell	418	2	458
R A Smith	315	0	315
G P Thorpe	462	0	462
M W Alleyne	579	13	839
S A Marsh	199	31	819
C E L Ambrose	35	27	575
P M Such	37	14	317
S D Udal	171	25	671
S L Watkin	20	14	300
Total	3,020	132	5,660

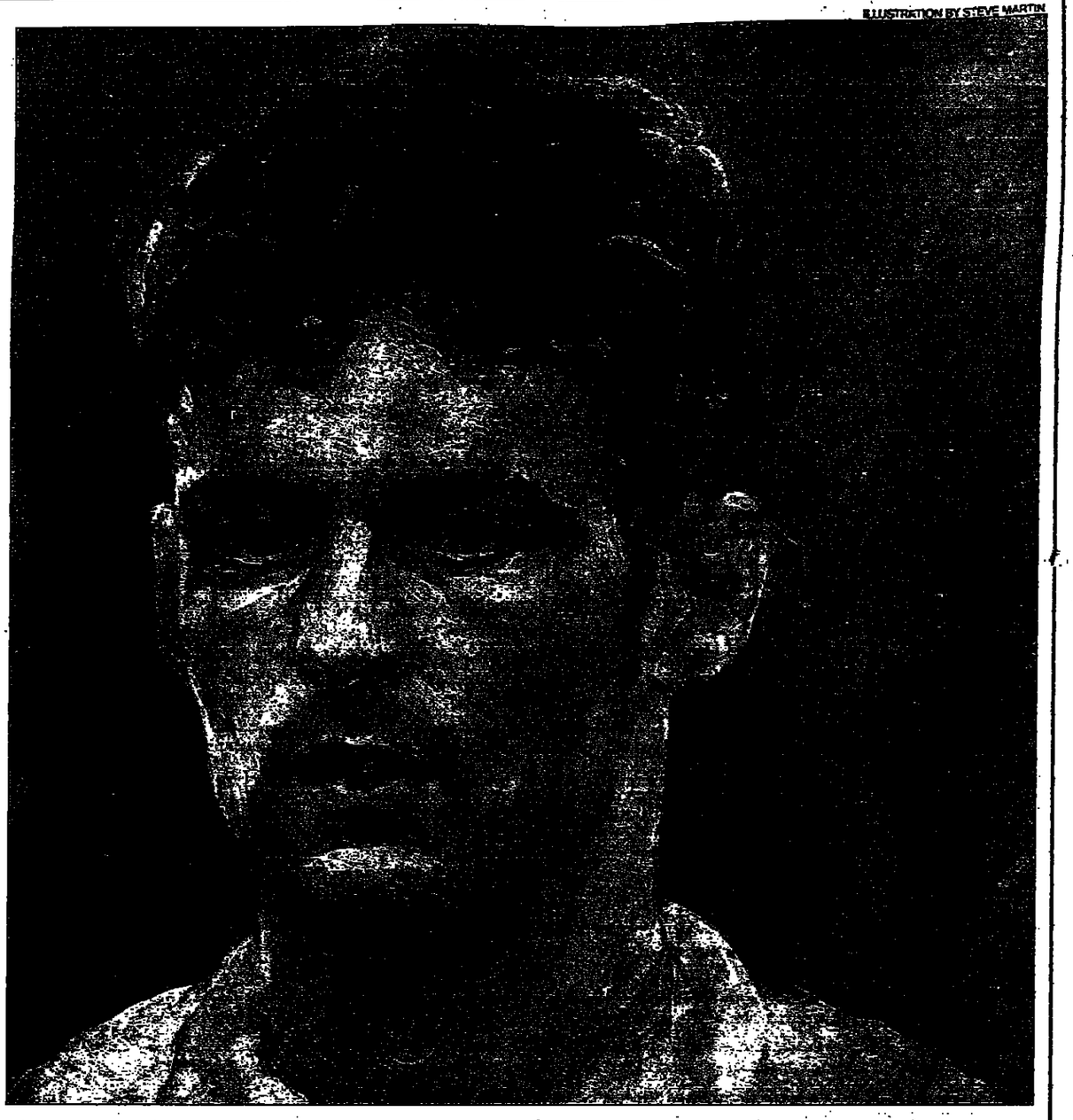
THE LEADING 100 ENTRANTS IN THE TIMES THIRD INNINGS GAME

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	Duke Merley's XI (Robin Johnson)	5,660
2	Richie's Hat (Mark Thompson)	5,502
3	Kelly's XI (James F Kelly)	5,487
4	Dewsbury's XI (Paul Dewsbury)	5,452
5	Stour Star (Michael Stour)	5,445
6	Ex Landportonians (Gary Hammond)	5,431
7	Noble's XI (Michael Noble)	5,406
8	Stumpers (P H Brough)	5,389
9	Zambezi Zappers (C van Hinsk)	5,380
10	Burford Mark 5 (Mark Burfield)	5,375
11	Ben's Boys (M Summons)	5,367
12	Gary's Kent XI (Gary Wright)	5,356
13	Shropshire B (Dan Field)	5,348
14	Oblivion (Marchini)	5,333
15	Islanders XI (Thomas Blakely)	5,320
16	Trippers XI (T G Lawes)	5,319
17	Might Have Beens (J R Peters)	5,315
18	Willows (R Meall)	5,309
19	Witham's XI (Colin Witham)	5,308
20	Viva Invicta (David Hodges)	5,304
21	Kenshire CC (J E Griffin)	5,298
22	Brid Revenge XI (I M Jamieson)	5,294
23	Wide Ball Called (Niall William Maddic)	5,290
24	Country Cousins (D J Collier)	5,288
25	Denseleven (Denis Woodford)	5,285
26	Mike's Men (Mike Travell)	5,285
27	Dicky Ted's XI (R Martin)	5,283
28	White's XI (G R White)	5,276
29	Stanhoe XI (Anthony David Walker)	5,274
30	Leamington Bears (Steven Payne)	5,274
31	Clener's Casuals (G Clennell)	5,270
32	Third Time Lucky (Nigel Pain)	5,256
33	Fine Leg Walking (M Prosser)	5,242
34	Red Hot Peppers	5,241
35	Beamers (R Belcher)	5,239
36	Goochie's Gang	5,239
37	Jacey's Rabbits (Jeff Cooper)	5,237
38	Any Name XI	5,236
39	Dunsford (R Brimblecombe)	5,234
40	Anacom (Darren McBride)	5,224
41	Away The Lads (Christy)	5,224
42	The Steamers (Mr Beckman)	5,223
43	The Duckeggs (R Gee)	5,216
44	Trottie's Team (Peter Trott)	5,215
45	Arnie's Army (B Arnold)	5,213
46	Nickers (T H Brough)	5,213
47	Malcolm (Nick Beresford)	5,210
48	Langthornshire (T Nash)	5,198
49	Folly's House Second XI (J N Pugh)	5,198
50	Sparkey's Sparks (Stefan Owen)	5,197
51	Wright's Warriors (John Wright)	5,196
52	Fairview Flops (David Hargreaves)	5,190
53	Whispering Death (I W Brookes)	5,186
54	Cwon (S Cox)	5,184
55	Grant's XI (Mark Lyall Grant)	5,183
56	Riverside XI (S A Davidson)	5,183
57	Bob And Abbot (K C Burrell)	5,182
58	Trotter's Tornados (T Mallion)	5,181
59	Harvey's Revenge (Laurence Reynolds)	5,179
60	Ish's Worthy XI (Martyn Isherwood)	5,178
61	Where Did Beefy Go (Stuart J Warwick)	5,176
62	Grafter's XI (Geils Grafter)	5,172
63	Hedonists (N J Holdsworth)	5,172
64	Dukinfield Lodge (Mike Pavasovic)	5,170
65	Camra XI (A S Thorpe)	5,170
66	Houston Rovers 3	5,170
67	Tenpin Trippers (Pete Church)	5,169
68	Agandem (John Wilmer)	5,169
69	Pendle Piglets (Emma Rowsell)	5,168
70	Tanmure Castle (Robert Maule)	5,168
71	Physics Matters (Kate Milne)	5,165
72	No Lara (Brent Gaertner)	5,161
73	The Homeless XI (C Reynolds)	5,157
74	Line And Length (Neil Lupton)	5,156
75	Areeve 1 (A Reeve)	5,150
76	Untouchables (H Parvington)	5,148
77	Frontsooters (Neil Casley)	5,147
78	P I T Sector 3 (Ben Collinson)	5,146
79	Toby's Team (K Mark)	5,146
80	Counties Fanclub (S Gooneratne)	5144
81	Beeston Rylands (Gerald Morgan)	5,143
82	They Tried (T Beagley)	5,142
83	Godson's 2nd XI (Andrew Godson)	5,141
84	The No-Hopers (Mark James Mitchell)	5,138
85	Willwackers (George Alderwick)	5,138
86	Chumley XI (P A Primarolo)	5,137
87	Steamers 2 (Mr Beckman)	5,137
88	Nirvanshire (Colin Price)	5,136
89	Kampongan XI (Hui Yeng Lee)	5,136
90	Rain Stop Play (Colin O'Connor)	5,134
91	The Kidney Kids (Mark Lewis)	5,134
92	Koopershire (Colin Denton)	5,134
93	Maximum Spots (Andy Hibberd)	5,133
94	Corby Allstars (M Carbitt)	5,133
95	Spedding's XI (Jack Spedding)	5,132
96	New Imperials (J W Sharp)	5,129
97	Barnes 2 (Richard Vullamy)	5,128
98	Shattered Stumps (Phil Elvy)	5,125
99	The Golden Ducks (Steven Holdsworth)	5,124
100	Yorke's XI (Christopher Yorke)	5,124

Saturday portrait: Chris Sutton by Rob Hughes, football correspondent

Footballing prodigy pays extraordinary price for youth's folly

ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN



Destiny is playing a capricious game with Christopher Sutton. By making him the first £5 million footballer bought by a British club, the fates have ensured that he is as wealthy a 21-year-old as anyone could wish to be. But fate is fickle. Chris Sutton is growing up fast to discover that with fame and fortune comes a game within a game, that in sport the fee comes before the fall.

He is finding, in short, that whatever social gaffes he makes, there are people lurking, ready to sell to *The Sun* exposés of Sutton's follies. The year began with the headline "£3m star left me with a baby", the story of a 38-year-old divorcee old enough to be his mother. Last month, the day he was sold by Norwich City to Blackburn Rovers, his unfavourite newspaper had as its lead story: "£5m soccer yobbo sobbed in cells", an account of his disorderly conduct, and subsequent cooling-off period, after celebrating his transfer with Norwich teammates.

Another Georgie Best, another wayward Paul Gascoigne. That, at least, is the assumption made by those who have not been within five yards of Mr Sutton. They are wrong. Sutton has neither the deftness of Gascoigne nor the dangerously glamorous looks of Best; he is not remotely as intuitively talented as either of them and, born the son of a former Norwich professional footballer, who now works as a physical education master, he has absolutely no reason to seek solace in the bottle when things go wrong.

Indeed, his career thus far — and at 21 his potential to become a great centre forward is yet to be confirmed — has been built on diligence, on a perseverance through his adolescent years that arguably repressed the escapades and silliness of youth. Sutton is making his costly adolescent errors in early manhood.

Those who watched his development in Norfolk knew there had been a struggle to control the talent, and knew that at one stage the gangly, awkward youth might just as easily have carved a career in cricket, where, until Norwich City put a stop to it, he was a renowned batsman in a local men's league.

Yet fate has always picked him out. Less than two years ago, as a callow, 6ft 3in centre back, he was in the Norwich defence that was destroyed to the tune of seven goals at Ewood Park, Blackburn. Alan Shearer scored two of the goals. For the next game, in one of the most astute managerial strokes, Mike Walker, then Norwich manager, switched Sutton to centre forward. In 15 games that season as a striker, he scored ten times. Last season, improving in perceptible strides, he scored 28 goals — two of them at Ewood Park, another two against Blackburn at Carrow Road. So Blackburn bought him, speculating on what they believe he will become.

> **'Sutton is merely the latest example of how a country club can live on its youth system'**

Even in this, Sutton had seemed destined to personify the madness of high-summer trading in which several clubs covet the possession of another until the spiral becomes an offer the holder cannot refuse. Thus, in 1905, Alf Common was transferred for the then unthinkable price of £1,000 from Sunderland to Middlesbrough; thus, in 1979, Trevor Francis became England's first £1 million footballer.

Norwich could see it all coming. "I can assure supporters that if Chris Sutton is not at Carrow Road at the start of next season," Robert Chase, the Norwich chairman, said in February, "then I won't be here, either." Surprisingly, few followers of Norwich are calling for the chairman to stick to his word. They know that £5 million on the table is worth at least a wing of the all-seat, paid-for Norwich stadium. And some of them know that no matter how promising a player, one man is only flesh and blood, as vulnerable as the next to a crippling injury or, as happened to Sutton last year, a car crash. He, with destiny beside him, walked unscathed from the wreckage of a car, driven by a friend, that collided with a tree.

The Sutton transfer epitomises the difference between Norwich and Blackburn. They are clubs of similar size and stadium capacity. Yet, in eight years under the chairmanship of Chase, Norwich has sold £20 million-worth of players; in three years under the patronage of the former steel tycoon, Jack Walker, Blackburn has purchased almost £30 million in playing stock.

Sutton is merely the latest example of how a country club can live on its youth system by selling to more ambitious opponents who lack either the acumen or the patience to breed their own talent. Curiously, Sutton's father, Mike, is an instrument of that process: he coaches, part-time, the 15 and 16-year-old schoolboy apprentices of Norwich City, among them Jamie Cureton and James Shore, prolific strikers in England colours last season at under-18 and under-16 levels respectively.

Following Chris Sutton's night in a police cell last month, his father was beside himself when he and the entire family, including an 11-year-old at school, were embarrassed and harassed by the media following up the *Sun* exclusive that Sutton and others had broken the windscreen wiper and reflector light on a car in their drunken fooling-about outside a nightclub.

Sutton's behaviour then, and in the earlier story, was deemed to be no better than that of certain Cabinet ministers, though in the case of the unwanted child, for whom he pays maintenance, it should be observed that the age discrepancy in, say the Cecil Parkinson affair, is the reverse of that between the two parties involved.

Should a mere sportsman be held to account in this way? In the family situation, surely not. But in the celebration to mark his new twist of fortune, then Sutton would be the first to agree that his mistake was shameful. His new mentor, Kenny Dalglish, will doubtless teach Sutton the wiles of privacy and secrecy, as well as the tricks of the trade as a centre forward that John Deehan had instilled at Norwich. "I embarrassed myself, let my club down, I have absolutely no excuse" were the words with which Sutton departed Norwich. But his strengths as a player, his command of that rangy stride, his willingness and unselfishness, now boast a speed of action that appears to defy the notion that quickness can neither be learnt nor acquired.

Roy Blower, a Norwich City supporter for 45 years, a JP and the co-ordinator of the club's Supporters Forum, has been a friend of the Suttons since they came to Norfolk. "To be fair, the majority in Norwich realise £5 million was too good to turn down," Blower said. "But when Chris came to our cricket club, Horsford, to say his goodbyes, he was apologetic about leaving. My lasting impression is of Chris as a 17-year-old, struggling to combine his ability with a rather gangling physique; he ran and ran all through that summer, and I think when the others returned to the club they couldn't believe how much faster and how much more stamina he had. All of us knew then that he had the determination to make sure nothing would stop his development."

Nothing but fate. This weekend, when he was meant to be leading Blackburn Rovers in the Charity Shield at Wembley against Manchester United, it was to be the start of a calling in new colours.

In Sutton's case, it is the start of the rest of his life, the life of an ordinary personality with extraordinary options.

Schumacher leads fightback

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN BUDAPEST

THE Benetton Formula One motor racing team scored two important psychological victories here yesterday. It won the daily game of press releases with the International Motor Sport Federation (FIA) 1-0 and Michael Schumacher, the team's leading driver, pushed the troubles crowding all around temporarily aside to claim provisional pole position for the Hungarian Grand Prix tomorrow.

There is still a sort of siege mentality at Benetton after the stream of fines, bans and allegations of cheating that have descended on the team in the past three weeks. Its statement merely reiterated its denials of wrongdoing and said nothing new, but, together with Schumacher's performance, it appears to have lightened the mood.

"It is very nice to be back in front," the young German said after he had beaten the time set by Damon Hill, in a Williams-Renault, by 0.2sec. "After all the problems we have had recently, this is the best answer we can give to everyone. To take provisional pole under these circumstances is a big compliment to the team."

The speculation about the integrity of the workings of the team reached such a pitch yesterday morning that other team owners were talking openly about which of Benetton's rivals would win the race to sign Schumacher when he jumped from the sinking ship. Williams and McLaren, predictably enough, were deemed the favourites.

Yet Benetton stuck steadfastly to its assertion that it had been given permission to remove the filter from its refuelling equipment at the German Grand Prix by the technical delegate of the FIA, Charlie Whiting. "An FIA official told us we could do it," Flavio Briatore, the team's managing director, said. "We have proof and we could prove it in court if we had to."

From the broad hints Briatore was dropping, it seems Benetton may possess a tape of a conversation between team members and Whiting. Whiting, however, said yesterday: "I would never do anything that would give one team an advantage over the others." In one more twist to the saga, each team was last night told to make a slight modification to its refuelling equipment.

While Schumacher, Hill and the rest battled it out on the tight, twisting track, the FIA, which alleged on Wednesday that the absence of the filter caused the fire that engulfed Jos Verstappen and his Benetton-Ford at Hockenheim, broke its silence only to say it had cancelled the Italian Grand Prix in the light of continuing uncertainty about the safety of the Monza track. There have been threats to the same effect before, but this time it seems there may be no reprieve and the Nurburgring in Germany is being mooted as a replacement venue for the race, which was scheduled for September 11.

Its cancellation disappointed Hill because the Monza track offered the configuration that best suits his Williams-Renault and represented his most reliable chance of closing the 27-point gap between him and Schumacher.

Its removal from the calendar may frustrate the German, too. His appeal against the FIA's imposition of a two-race ban for his failure to obey a black flag at the British Grand Prix last month will be heard on August 30 and he may have been banking on missing Monza.

Despite another creditable return from David Coulthard, Hill's Scottish team-mate, who finished third, the best British performance came from Martin Brundle, of McLaren, who qualified one place behind him. Brundle is under pressure to finish above Philippe Alliot, who is racing only in the absence of the suspended Mika Hakkinen but is the preferred choice of the team's engine supplier, Peugeot. "If I get beaten by Alliot this weekend, I'm history," Brundle said, "but maybe today has answered a few questions." Alliot finished seventeenth.

DETAILS FROM HUNGARY

QUALIFYING TIMES: 1, M Schumacher (Ger) Benetton, 1min 19 479sec (av speed 179.730kph); 2, D Hill (GB) Williams, 1 19 700; 3, D Coulthard (GB) Williams, 1 20 395; 4, M Brundle (GB) McLaren, 1 20 819; 5, G Berger (Austria) Ferrari, 1 21 009; 6, J Verstappen (Holl) Benetton, 1 21.141; 7, J Alesi (Fr) Ferrari, 1 21.280; 8, E Irvine (GB) Jordan, 1.21.406; 9, R Barrichello (Br) Jordan, 1.21 498

10, M Blundell (GB) Tyrrell, 1 21 731; 11, U Katayama (Japan) Tyrrell, 1 21 877; 12, H Frentzen (Ger) Sauber, 1.22.268; 13, G Morbidelli (It) Footwork, 1.22.311; 14, C Fittipaldi (Br) Footwork, 1.22.375; 15, M Alboreto (It) Minardi, 1.22.379; 16, E Comas (Fr) Larrousse, 1.22.754; 17, P Alliot (Fr) McLaren, 1.22.915; 18, O Panis (Fr) Ligier, 1:23.244; 19, E Bernard (Fr) Ligier, 1.23.269

20, J Herbert (GB) Lotus, 1.23.206; 21, A Zanardi (It) Lotus, 1.23.361; 22, A de Cesaris (It) Sauber, 1.23.573; 23, D Brabham (Aus) Simtek, 1.24.181; 24, P Martini (It) Minardi, 1.24.440; 25, O Beretta (Fr) Larrousse, 1.24.645; 26, B Gachot (Fr) Pacific, 1.26.521; 27, J-M Gounon (Fr) Simtek, 1.26.678; 28, P Belmondo (Fr) Pacific, 1.28.334.

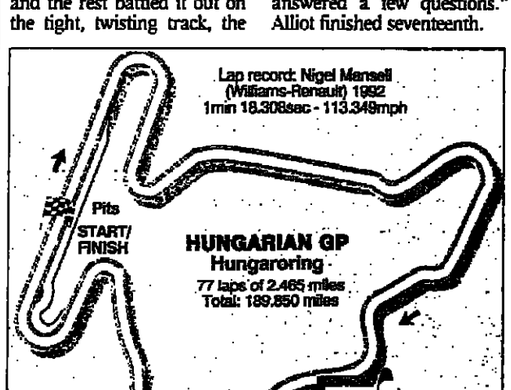
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (after 9 races): Drivers: 1, M Schumacher (Ger) 66pts; 2, D Hill (GB) 39; 3, G Berger (Austria) 27; 4, J Alesi (Fr) 19; 5, R Barrichello (Br) 10; 6, M Hakkinen (Fin) 8; 7 equal, N Larini (It), M Brundle (GB), O Panis (Fr), C Fittipaldi (Br) 6; 11 equal, H-H Frentzen (Ger), U Katayama (Japan) 5; 13 equal, K Wendlinger (Austria), M Blundell (GB), A de Cesaris (It), P Martini (It), D Coulthard (GB), E Bernard (Fr) 4; 19 equal, E Comas (Fr), G Morbidelli (It) 2; 21 equal, M Alboreto (It), E Irvine (GB), J-J Lehto (Fin) 1. Constructors: 1, Benetton 67pts; 2, Ferrari 52; 3, Williams 43; 4 equal, Jordan, McLaren 14; 6 equal, Sauber, Ligier 10; 8, Tyrrell 9; 9, Footwork 8; 10, Minardi 5; 11, Larrousse 2.

REMAINING GRANDS PRIX: Aug 28: Belgian, Spa Francorchamps. Sept 11: Italian, Monza. Sept 25: Portuguese, Estoril. Oct 16: European, Jerez, Spain. Nov 6: Japanese, Suzuka. Nov 13: Australian, Adelaide

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Fondriest presides from start to finish

BY PETER BRYAN

MAURIZIO Fondriest, from Italy, the winner of the opening stage of the Kellogg's Tour of Britain, was still wearing the yellow jersey of the overall leader at the end of the 500-mile cycle race in Manchester yesterday, confirming recovery from surgery on his spine earlier this year.

The former world champion's victory was founded on his domination of the 7.8-mile time-trial on Wednesday, the first to be held in the Kellogg's event, when he finished 19sec clear of Slava Ekinov and a further 4sec ahead of Olaf Ludwig. That was the turning point of the race and that was how the positions were to be at the end.

Fondriest enjoyed more than the obvious delight of victory. "It has given me the confidence I need to go to the road-race championship in Sicily," he said.

Tomorrow, Fondriest competes in the Leeds Classic, Britain's contribution to the World Cup series.

The last day's racing of the Kellogg's tour was an encouraging one for Britain's home-based professionals, with Gary Coltman third and Chris Lillywhite fifth behind Svorada, who swept to the front in the last 100 metres to win the 92-mile stage from Nottingham with consummateease.

Overall, Ben Luckwell won the sprint series from Mark Walsham, and Malcolm Elliott was third in the mountain category. Earlier, the day's activity had been started by Paul Hinton with a quick response from Elliott, tour winner in 1988, when he left the pack after ten miles. Elliott caught and dropped Hinton and led for almost 60 miles before he was swallowed up by his pursuers.

RESULTS: Fifth stage (Nottingham to Manchester, 92.4 miles): 1, J Svorada (Slovakia), Lampre, 3hr 51min 19sec; 2, O Ludwig (Ger), Telekom; 3, G Coltman (GB), Raleigh; 4, F Anjreu (US), Motorola; 5, C Lillywhite (GB), Ferrendet-Kenmon; 6, V Ekimov (Russ), Wordperfect, all same time. Teams: 1, Telekom 11:33:57; 2, TVM same time; 3, Loco same time. Final positions: 1, M Fondriest (It), Lampre, 20:54.53; 2, Ekimov at 21sec; 3, Ludwig at 27; 4, Svorada at 46sec; 5, R Aldag (Ger), Telekom, at 53sec. Teams: 1, Lampre 57:24.35; 2, TVM 57.24.52; 3, GB-MG Maglifico 57.24.52. Points classification: Ludwig. Sprints: S Luckwell (GB), FS Maestro Mountains: S Sunderland (Aus), TVM

Le Roux ponders injustice of crime and punishment



SIMON BARNES
On Saturday

Johan Le Roux, the South African rugby union player, is full of regrets about his encounter with the All Blacks captain, Sean Fitzpatrick. All Le Roux did was bite Fitzpatrick's ear, for which crime he was suspended from the game. "For an 18-month suspension, I feel I probably should have torn it off," he said, recollecting in tranquillity that powerful overflow of spontaneous feeling. "Then at least I could have said: 'Look, I have returned to South Africa with a guy's ear'."

Le Roux was sent home from the tour of New Zealand after television cameras had caught this act of mayhem during the second international between New Zealand and South Africa. The irony of it all, Le Roux said, is that he would much rather have punched Fitzpatrick, which is nice to know. "If I'd hit him and broken his jaw or given him concussion, I'd have been suspended for three months at the most. I could have torn his ear right off, but I just bit and let go." It *is* a game for gentlemen, you see.

"I was on the side of the loose scrum when Fitzpatrick stormed in, grabbed me and dragged me for three metres before forcing my head into the ground. I couldn't get my hands free, they were trapped under him. If I could, I would rather have hit him." So he took the biting option instead, which was sincere but somewhat muted in effect because, alas, he was wearing a gumshield. He said that he and Fitzpatrick had a drink together after the match, but did not discuss the incident. Would you like a drink, Sean? No thanks, I've got one 'ere.

Easy breakaway

Two prisoners were permitted to take part in a cycling road race in Denmark, the Tour of Taasinge, this week. They showed a certain speed and initiative about the whole business: at a well-planned moment, the two of them performed a neat U-turn and took off in the opposite direction at around 50mph. They stole some schnapps for a celebration, grabbed a car, drove off and, as I write, they remain uncaptured, having outrun the peloton of the law.

Full story

More on ball-tampering, this time from the leading American sporting publication, *Sports Illustrated*. "A far dirtier deed was done by Michael Atherton, captain of England's woebegone cricket team and its best bowler ... cameras caught him mysteriously jamming his right-hand — his bowling hand — into his trouser pocket." There is no quarreling with the statement that Atherton is the team's best bowler, not on the evidence of that game at Lord's, at any rate, but the fact is that the No 1 Boy has not actually turned his arm over to bowl his leg-spinners in Test match cricket since a horrendous yipped-out spell in 1989. A back injury has been cited as the reason for this withdrawal from the attack. The Americans clearly read the game better than we: it is the threat that at any moment Atherton *might* bowl that is so effective.



Few things have given more delight to the subcontinent than Michael Atherton's unfamiliar actions — ie the alleged ball-tampering business. Jeff Soulsby writes to tell me that an Indian cigarette manufacturer has launched a saturation advertising campaign based on it. The above poster appears every half-mile along the main streets of Bombay, on hoardings 50ft by 30ft: the road out to the airport is particularly emphasised. The caricature of Atherton himself is nicely drawn, giving, I think, a rather Asian cast to the features to our No 1 Boy. Mr Soulsby says it is hampering the export drive no end.

True charity

Greetings to, of all things, the French Ministry of Agriculture. It is sponsoring, of all things, the Highclere Park Horse Trails on August 29, an event involving an Anglo-French challenge. The day is run for the Spinal Injuries Association, which makes it one of the few genuine sporting events run for charity.

☐ *Diego Maradona is all set to play for Petersfield Town in the Jewson Wessex league. Peter de Siston, the chairman, and clearly a man quite desperate for publicity, said: "We are making every effort to get in touch with his agent to see if he is interested in signing for us. People can scoff if they like, but he is still a quality player."*

Cantona ban casts long shadow over Wembley

By Peter Ball

IN KEEPING with the Football Association's general air of confusion, the FA Charity Shield, the traditional opening match of the season, this year takes place tomorrow, 25 hours after the Football League begins this afternoon. There was no sign of any charity at Lancaster Gate yesterday, however, as Eric Cantona was suspended for three matches following his sending-off against Rangers in the pre-season tournament.

Cantona will play tomorrow, but he will now miss United's first three FA Carling Premiership games — their opening home match against Queen's Park Rangers, followed by the visits to Nottingham Forest and Tottenham Hotspur. It is not a happy way for the Frenchman to begin the season, compounding his absence for United's first four European Cup Champions' League matches.

Cantona is no stranger to disciplinary problems, having endured a five-match ban in March after being sent off twice in a week at Swindon and Arsenal. Then, as in the sending-off against Galatasaray that produced the European ban, United were sympathetic, but there are signs this time that Alex Ferguson's patience, not the manager's most notable quality, is wearing thin.

In a long season, losing the hub of your attack for three matches is hardly an insurmountable handicap, but there must be a fear that United's European hopes could have been badly damaged by the time Cantona pulls on his shirt. Equally perturbing for Ferguson is the sign that, like the Bourbons, Cantona has learnt nothing from his experiences last season. Perhaps the club fine, said to be around £20,000, might prove more effective than suspensions have, but Ferguson is unlikely to count on it.

The loss of Cantona when things begin in earnest is only one reason for suspecting that the match tomorrow may be less indicative than usual of things to come. United having done the double, Blackburn provide the opposition as the team that pressed United the hardest in the Premiership.

In normal circumstances, that should make the game a useful guide to the season's prospects and, apart from Arsenal, it is hard to see any other team challenging the two clubs. Blackburn, having strengthened their squad with the £5 million investment on Chris Sutton, would also suggest that a test of strength will be instructive, but both teams are some way short of full strength.

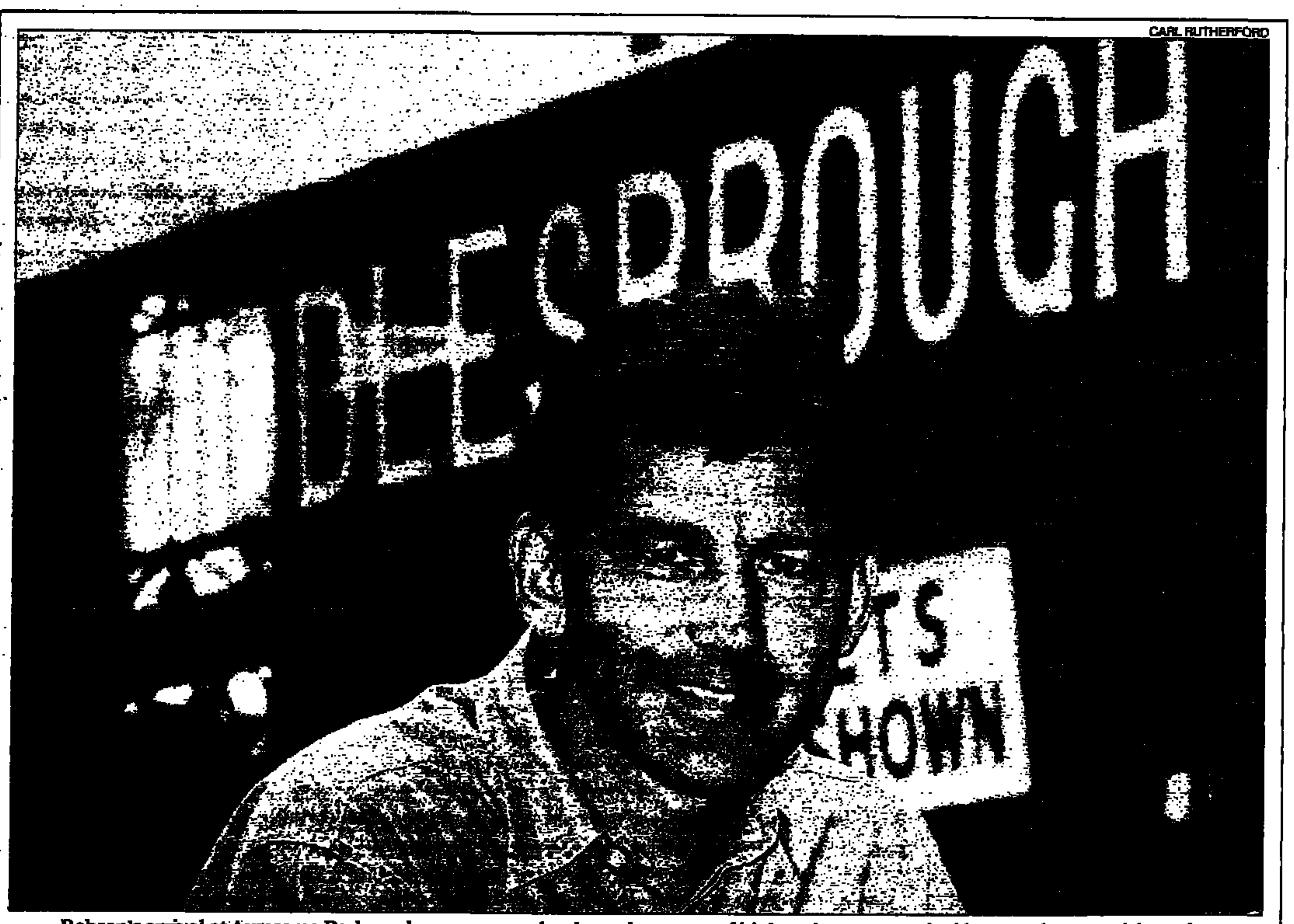
With Keane and Irwin starting the season late, after their exertions with Ireland in the World Cup finals, and Parker injured, United give David May his debut at right back against his former club with Sharpe fitting in on the other flank. Ince was a doubt in midfield, but he was named in the team yesterday.

Blackburn's problems are much more pervasive. Like Gooch and Gatting, Shearer has discovered the dangers of seafood in hot climes and is still recovering from a virus, although he insisted this week that rumours that it had developed into hepatitis were unfounded.

Either way, he will be missed. Shearer often seems like half the Blackburn team anyway, but, on this occasion, they may literally be without half a team, with Batty, Gallacher and Newell also definitely missing and Sutton and Wilcox doubtful. Sutton following a knock on the ankle.

Things reached such a pass last week that Dalglish came out of retirement and played for Blackburn in a friendly, if only for a few moments. He insists that will not be repeated tomorrow, but another veteran, Tony Gale, who has signed a three-month contract, is expected to play alongside Hendry in the centre of defence, an area that could prove Blackburn's Achilles heel. In the circumstances, the charity may be needed on the terraces.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-2-4): P Schmeichel — D May, S Bruce, G Pallister, L Sharpe — B McClair, P Ince — A Kanchelskis, E Cantona, M Hughes, R Giggs.
BLACKBURN ROVERS (probable, 4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, C Hendry, A Gale, G Le Saux — S Ripley, T Sherwood, N Marker, J Wilcox — P Warhurst, C Sutton or L Makel.



CARL RUTHERFORD

Robson's arrival at Ayresome Park as player-manager has brought a sense of high excitement matched by record season-ticket sales

Pressure builds on Robson to deliver

Louise Taylor finds the former England captain in confident mood as he embarks on a career as the manager of Middlesbrough

Novice manager he may be but Bryan Robson is far from naive about the realities of running a football club. Sitting behind the desk in his small, rather spartan (minimalist matt-black furniture, no pictures on the walls) office at Middlesbrough, the former Manchester United and England captain is eager to emphasise the point.

The introductory small-talk is barely over before Robson explains that during his final four years at Old Trafford Alex Ferguson gave him a grounding in the management game. "I'd drop the kids off at school and arrive at the training ground 90 minutes before the other players," he recalled. "Alex let me spend that time in the coaches' room gaining a real insight into the job. I'd listen to Alex talking about man management and tactics. Already it's been a big help — I've been able to see a few problems early. And Alex taught me the importance of organisation."

The Cleveland constabulary was involved in some organising of its own last week, marshalling a shuffling queue of supporters stretching way down Ayresome Park Road. Middlesbrough's new strip had just gone on sale and Robson rose from his desk to see several hundred disappointed customers beneath his window. "Must have sold out," he concluded. "We've already had record season-ticket sales."

Such interest equals expectancy, which has risen steadily since the cool May morning when Robson first stepped out onto Ayresome Park's pitch as Middlesbrough's new manager. Today's opening match against Burnley is a 24,499 sell-out. Three months on, the Teesside weather has turned hot and humid — and the pressure on Robson is rising.

He seemed to be thriving on it though. Ultra-relaxed, Robson took time to answer questions thoughtfully, skilfully diffusing loaded ones with disarming smiles.

Would the star mentality syndrome (which saw Middlesbrough beat almost all the first division's better teams but lose to the stragglers last season) pose a problem? The reply, "Not now I'm here", prefixed a broad grin.

Robson exudes the sort of aura that inspires players to impress. He possesses the presence to dominate a dressing-room. If his credibility is not in question then Robson must still cope with the tricky transition from being one of the lads to The Boss. "Its something I'm aware of," he said. "I've had to consciously distance myself at times."

Male bonding is important, too. "We've had a few beers together on our pre-season tours of south-west England and Scotland," Robson said. "That's a good way of getting people to open up. It helped me find out about things, get to know players."

Anyway, being aloof is almost impossible for a player-manager, which is what Robson, 37, intends to be. Although he may play sweeper on occasion, Middlesbrough have kept to 4-4-2 in pre-season, with the manager joining Jamie Pollock in midfield. Dubbed the "new Robson", Pollock, 20, exhibits many of the qualities that characterise his new mentor. The similarities are striking, and Robson does not rebut the resemblance.

"I'd like to turn Jamie into a full England international," he said. Jamie wants to be a top player and I'll get satisfaction from coaching him."

Pollock's no-nonsense approach appeals to Robson. "I don't want any bad apples, any moaners in my dressing-room. Harmony is so important. You need lads who want to learn."

Poseurs may have no place at Ayresome but Robson regards recruiting good passers as a priority. "We are going to be very much a passing side."

It is a positive philosophy to warm the hearts of Robson's personal gurus — Ferguson, Terry Venables (whom he helps to coach England), Ron Atkinson and Bobby Robson.

Inside information on the first division is forthcoming from Viv Anderson, Robson's assistant, who spent last season managing Barnsley. Anderson must hold the fort when Robson rests at his Cheshire home with his wife and three children.

The manager believes his judgment may be enhanced by the decision to commute by ICI aeroplane. "Away from all the hype and passion I'll be able to think in a more calculated way. But I'll stay on Teesside at least two nights a week. I've been criticised for not moving up full-time and it's something I've an open mind on if commuting doesn't work."

Up the road, Kevin Keegan has adapted happily to life in the North-East. Robson is relieved Newcastle are in the Premiership. "I'm pleased the comparisons and rivalry won't be so direct in my first season."

He is, however, cautiously optimistic about the prospect of Tyne-Tees derby matches next year. "We are good enough for promotion but it's going to be difficult. I'd be very disappointed if we don't make the play-offs, though."

Overseas players miss out as season kicks off

By Alyson Rudd

EXCITING overseas signings and do-or-die competitive spirit are not the sole preserve of the FA Carling Premiership. The Endsleigh Insurance League opens today, a week ahead of the Premiership, and there is already sufficient drama in the melting pot for the lower divisions to reward their early spell in the limelight.

There is a strong new international flavour to the first division but delays over work permits will bar some of the newcomers from the opening-day action. One of those casualties is Jaime Moreno, the Bolivian signed for £250,000 from Blooming by Middlesbrough, who face Burnley. Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, is likely to play alongside Clayton Blackmore, his former Manchester United teammate, Nigel Pearson, signed from Sheffield Wednesday and Neil Cox, brought from Aston Villa for £1 million.

Michael Emenalo, the Nigeria World Cup defender, is another who is unlikely to win clearance in order to line up for Notts County against Portsmouth at Fratton Park.

Millwall supporters hoping to catch sight of Jason van Blerk, the Australia full back signed from Go Ahead Eagles Deventer yesterday for £300 000, will be disappointed as his work permit is not ready. Millwall are deploying extra security for their opening fixture, against Southend United. They are under scrutiny following the crowd disturbances in May during their play-off match against Derby County. If there is a repeat of that trouble, Millwall will be docked three league points.

Meanwhile, the most expensive batch of new signings will be at Molineux. Graham Taylor, the former England manager, has spent £2.8 million to transfer Tony Daley — who is injured and will not play until the end of September, at the earliest — and Steve Froggatt from Aston Villa to Wolverhampton and bought defender Neil Emblen from Millwall. Wolverhampton Wanderers face Reading whose summer signings include Dariusz Wdowczyk, the Poland defender, from Celtic.

The clash of two clubs who entered the first division from opposite directions provides the focus for the televised game tomorrow. Swindon Town, relegated last season, entertain Port Vale, runners-up in the second division.

CLUB-BY-CLUB GUIDE TO THE ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

Barnsley
Manager: Danny Wilson (appointed May 1994).
Transfers: In: none Out: Deniol Graham (Stockport, free), David Currie (Carlisle, free), Viv Anderson (Middlesbrough, free)
Championship odds: 50-1.

Bolton Wanderers
Manager: Bruce Rioch (May 1992).
Transfers: In: Mixu Paatelainen (Aberdeen, £300,000). Out: Phil Brown (Blackpool, free), David Burke (Blackpool, free), Andy Walker (Celtic, undisclosed fee), Mark Winstanley (Burnley, tribunal).
Championship odds: 16-1.

Bristol City
Manager: Russell Osman (Jan 1993).
Transfers: In: none. Out: Liam Robinson (Burnley, £250,000).
Championship odds: 33-1.

Burnley
Manager: Jimmy Mullen (Oct 1991).
Transfers: In: Chris Vinnicombe (Rangers, £200,000), Mark Winstanley (Bolton, tribunal), Liam Robinson (Bristol City, £250,000). Out: none.
Championship odds: 28-1.

Charlton Athletic
Managers: Steve Gritt and Alan Curbishley (July 1991).
Transfers: In: David Whyte (Crystal Palace, player exchange), Paul Mortimer (Crystal Palace, player exchange), Andy Petterson (Luton, tribunal), Mike Ammann (California State University, free) Out: John Vaughan (Preston, free), Darren Pitcher (Crystal Palace, player exchange), Linvoy Primus (Barnet, free), Scott Minto (Chelsea, £775,000).
Championship odds: 33-1.

Derby County
Manager: Roy McFarland (Oct 1993).
Transfers: In: none. Out: Richard Goulooze (Cambuur, Holland, £80,000), Martyn Chalk (Stockport, £22,500).
Championship odds: 7-1.

Grimsby Town
Manager: Alan Buckley (June 1988).
Transfers: In: none. Out: Tony Ford (Scunthorpe, free), Rhys Wilmot (Crystal Palace, £80,000)
Championship odds: 50-1.

Luton Town
Manager: David Pleat (June 1991).
Transfers: In: Dwight Marshall (Plymouth, £150,000), Tony Adcock (Peterborough, £20,000), Fred Barber (Peterborough, £25,000). Out: Andy Petterson (Charlton, tribunal), Jason Rees (Portsmouth, free), John Dreyer (Stoke, free)
Championship odds: 33-1

Middlesbrough
Manager: Bryan Robson (May 1994).
Transfers: In: Bryan Robson (Manchester United, free), Clayton Blackmore (Man United, free), Nigel Pearson (Sheff Wed, £500,000), Neil Cox (Aston Villa, £750,000), Jaime Moreno (Blooming, Bolivia, £250,000), Viv Anderson (Barnsley, free), Alan Miller (Arsenal, tribunal). Out: Nicky Mohan (Leicester, tribunal), Richard Liburd (Bradford City, £200,000), Michael Oliver (Stockport, tribunal).
Championship odds: 8-1.

Millwall
Manager: Mick McCarthy (Apr 1992)
Transfers: In: Steve Forbes (Sittingbourne, £50,000), Dave Savage (Longford Town, Ireland, £15,000), Jason van den Blerk (Go-ahead Eagles, £300,000). Out: Jamie Moralee/Geoffrey Pitcher (Watford, joint fee £450,000), Neil Emblen (Wolves, £600,000), Carl Emberson (Colchester, £25,000), Terry Hurlock (Fulham, free), Paul Holsgrove (Reading, free).
Championship odds: 12-1

Notts County
Manager: Mick Walker (Feb 1993).
Transfers: In: Colin Hoyle (Bradford City, free), Paul Reece (Oxford, free), Michael Emenalo (Molenbeek, Belgium, free). Out: Mark Draper (Leicester, tribunal), Charlie Palmer (Walsall, free), Kevin Wilson (Walsall, free), Malcolm Rigby (Nottingham Forest, £50,000)
Championship odds: 28-1

Oldham Athletic
Manager: Joe Royle (July 1982).
Transfers: In: Lee Richardson (Aberdeen, tribunal). Out: Mike Milligan (Norwich, tribunal).
Championship odds: 11-1.

Portsmouth
Manager: Jim Smith (May 1991).
Transfers: In: Jason Rees (Luton, free). Predrag Radosavljevic (Everton, £100,000). Out: Shaun Gale (Barnet, free), Brian Horne (Hartlepool, free).
Championship odds: 18-1.

Port Vale
Manager: John Rudge (Mar 1984).
Transfers: In: Arjan van Heusden (Noordwijk, Holland, £4,500), Craig Lawton (Manchester United, free), Tony Naylor (Crewe, £150,000), Lee Glover (Nottingham Forest, £200,000), Stuart Talbot (Moor Green, nominal). Out: Ian Taylor (Sheffield Wednesday, tribunal), Nicky Cross (Hereford, free), Peter Swan (Plymouth, £300,000), Trevor Wood (Walsall, free).
Championship odds: 28-1.

Reading
Manager: Mark McGhee (May 1991).
Transfers: In: Andy Bernal (Sydney Olympic, Australia, nominal), Simon Osborn (Crystal Palace, £90,000), Paul Holsgrove (Millwall, free), Dariusz Wdowczyk (Celtic, £100,000). Out: Andy Gray (Leyton Orient, free).
Championship odds: 33-1.

Sheffield United
Manager: Dave Bassett (Jan 1988).
Transfers: In: Carl Veart (Adelaide City, Australia, £250,000), Dougie Hodgson (Heidelberg, Australia, £40,000). Out: Carl Bradshaw (Norwich, £500,000), Chris Kamara (Bradford City, free), Tom Cowan (Huddersfield, £200,000).
Championship odds: 9-1.

Southend United
Manager: Peter Taylor (Dec 1993).
Transfers: In: Andy Thomson (Queen of the South, £250,000), Keith Dublin (Watford, player exchange), Dominic Iorfa (Peterborough, £15,000), Mark Hone (Welling United, £25,000) Out: Tommy Mooney (Watford, player exchange), Derek Payne (Watford, player exchange), Michael Conzague (Hereford, free).
Championship odds: 50-1.

Stoke City
Manager: Joe Jordan (Nov 1993).
Transfers: In: John Dreyer (Luton, free), Carl Muggleton (Celtic, £200,000), Paul Peschisolido (Birmingham, player exchange plus £200,000), Keith Downing (Birmingham, free). Out: Steve Foley (Lincoln, free), Micky Adams (Fulham, free), Dave Regis (Birmingham, player exchange), Gary Pick (Hereford, free), James Mulligan (Bury, tribunal).
Championship odds: 22-1.

Sunderland
Manager: Mick Buxton (Apr 1994).
Transfers: In: Dariusz Kubicki (Aston Villa, £100,000): Out: Ian Sampson (Northampton, £30,000).
Championship odds: 14-1.

Swindon Town
Manager: John Gorman (June 1993).
Transfers: In: Mark Robinson (Newcastle, £600,000). Out: Nicky Summerbee (Manchester City, £1.5m), John Moncur (West Ham, £1m).
Championship odds: 22-1.

Tranmere Rovers
Manager: John King (Apr 1987).
Transfers: In: none. Out: Dave Martindale (Doncaster, free), Mark Hughes (Shrewsbury Town, free).
Championship odds: 18-1.

Watford
Manager: Glenn Roeder (July 1993).
Transfers: In: Jamie Moralee/Geoff Pitcher (Millwall, joint fee £450,000), Kenny Sansom (Chertsey Town, free), Tommy Mooney (Southend, player exchange), Derek Payne (Southend, player exchange), Dominic Ludden (Leyton Orient, £100,000), Kevin Miller (Birmingham £250,000). Out: Perry Suckling (Doncaster, free), Keith Dublin (Southend, player exchange), Paul Furlong (Chelsea, £2.3million), Jason Drysdale (Newcastle, £425,000), James Meara (Doncaster, free), Kevin Sinn (Stockport, free).
Championship odds: 50-1

West Bromwich Albion
Manager: Keith Burkinshaw (June 1993).
Transfers: In: Mike Phelan (Manchester United, free). Out: none
Championship odds: 50-1.

Wolverhampton
Manager: Graham Taylor (Mar 1994)
Transfers: In: Tony Daley (Aston Villa, £1.25m) Steve Froggatt (Aston Villa, £1m), Neil Emblen (Millwall, £600,000). Out: Derek Mountfield (Carlisle, free), Mark Turner (Northampton, free), Darren Roberts (Chesterfield, free), Danny Collier (Crewe, free), Kevin Ashley (Peterborough, free).
Championship odds: 5-1.

SECOND DIVISION

Birmingham City
Manager: Barry Fry (appointed Dec 1993).
Transfers: In: Jatto Ceesay (Wallidan, Gambia, £12,500), Ryan Price (Stafford, £20,000), Dave Regis (Stoke, player exchange), Mark Ward (Everton, £480,000). Out: Keith Downing (Stoke, free), Kevin Miller (Watford, £250,000), Paul Peschisolido (Stoke, player exchange plus £200,000).
Championship odds: 4-1

Blackpool
Manager: Sam Allardyce (July 1994)
Transfers: In: Phil Brown (Bolton, free), David Burke (Bolton, free), Tony Ellis (Preston, £165,000), Les Sealey (Manchester United, free). Out: none.
Championship odds: 28-1.

Bournemouth
Manager: none.
Transfers: In: none Out: none.
Championship odds: 40-1.

Bradford City
Manager: Lennie Lawrence (May 1994).
Transfers: In: Wayne Jacobs (Rotherham, free), Chris Kamara (Sheffield United, free), Richard Liburd (Middlesbrough, £200,000). John Taylor (Bristol Rovers, tribunal). Out: Colin Hoyle (Notts County, free), Graeme Tomlinson (Manchester United, £100,000), Paul Reid (Huddersfield, £70,000), Craig Lawford (Hull, £70,000)
Championship odds: 14-1.

Brentford
Manager: David Webb (June 1993).
Transfers: In: Nick Forster (Gillingham, £100,000) Out: none
Championship odds: 25-1.

Brighton and Hove Albion
Manager: Liam Brady (Dec 1993).
Transfers: In: Junior MacDougald (Tottenham, free), Jeff Minton (Tottenham, free). Out: none.
Championship odds: 12-1.

Bristol Rovers
Manager: John Ward (Mar 1993)
Transfers: In: none Out: Gavin Kelly (Scarborough, free), John Taylor (Bradford, tribunal), David Mehew (Walsall, free).
Championship odds: 22-1.

Cambridge United
Manager: Gary Johnson (May 1993).
Transfers: In: Ollie Morah (Sutton, £30,000) Out: Michael Cheetham (Chesterfield, free), Richard Wilkins (Hereford, free), Neil Lyne (Hereford, free).
Championship odds: 16-1.

Cardiff City
Manager: Eddie May (Aug 1991).
Transfers: In: Charlie Oatway (Yeading, free), Andy Scott (Blackburn, free). Out: Mark Grew (Stafford, free), Kevin Ratcliffe (Chester City, free).
Championship odds: 28-1

Chester City
Manager: Mike Pejic (July 1994).
Transfers: In: Don Page (Doncaster, free), Kevin Ratcliffe (Cardiff, free), Jason Burnham (Northampton, free), Ray Newland (Plymouth, free) Out: Colin Greenall (Lincoln, free), David Pugh (Bury, £22,000), David Thompson (Rochdale, £6,000), Mark Came (Exeter, free), Billy Stewart (Northampton, free)
Championship odds: 50-1.

Crewe Alexandra
Manager: Dario Gradi (June 1983)
Transfers: In: Billy Barr (Halifax, free), Danny Collier (Wolves, free), Ian Hart (Manchester United, free), Andy Savage (Manchester United, free) Out: Graham Abel (Altrincham, free), Tony Naylor (Port Vale, £150,000)
Championship odds: 25-1.

Huddersfield Town
Manager: Neil Warnock (July 1993)
Transfers: In: Tom Cowan (Sheffield United, £200,000), Kevin Gray (Mansfield, player exchange), Paul Reid (Bradford, £70,000), Robbie Ryan (Belvedere, free). Out: Iffy Onuora (Mansfield, player exchange), Mark Wells (Scarborough, free), Brendan Aspinall (Mansfield, player exchange).
Championship odds: 18-1

Hull City
Manager: Terry Dolan (Jan 1991)
Transfers: In: Jimmy Graham (Rochdale, free), Craig Lawford (Bradford, £70,000). Out: Lee Warren (Doncaster, free)
Championship odds: 28-1.

Leyton Orient
Managers: Chris Turner and John Sitton (May 1994).
Transfers: In: Mark Dempsey (Gillingham, free), Andy Gray (Reading, free) Out: Mark Cooper (Barnet, free), Warren Hackett (Doncaster Rovers, free), Dominic Ludden (Watford, £100,000), Paul Newell (Barnet, free).
Championship odds: 25-1.

Oxford United
Manager: Denis Smith (Sept 1993).
Transfers: In: Mark Deakin (Hollywell Town, free), Stuart Massey (Crystal Palace, free), Dave Smith (Norwich City, £100,000). Steve Wood (Southampton, free). Out: Joey Beauchamp (West Ham United, £1m), David Penney (Swansea City, £20,000), Paul Reece (Notts County, free)
Championship odds: 12-1.

Peterborough United
Manager: John Still (May 1994)
Transfers: In: Kevin Ashley (Wolverhampton Wanderers, free), Gary Breen (Gillingham, £50,000), Sean Farrell (Fulham, £120,000 depending on appearances), Greg Heald (Enfield, free), Neil le Bihan (Tottenham Hotspur, free), Liburd Henry (Gillingham, free), Tony Lormor (Lincoln City, free), Paul Moran (Tottenham Hotspur, free), David Morrison (Chelmsford, £50,000), Ashley Warner (VS Rugby, free) Out: Tony Adcock (Luton Town, £20,000), Lee Howarth (Mansfield Town, £10,000), Dominic Iorfa (Southend United, £15,000), Fred Barber (Luton Town, £25,000).
Championship odds: 22-1

Plymouth Argyle
Manager: Peter Shilton (Mar 1992)
Transfers: In: Martin Hodge (Rochdale, £10,000), Peter Swan (Port Vale, £300,000) Out: Dwight Marshall (Luton Town, £150,000). Ray Newland (Chester City, free), Darren Garner (Dorchester, free).
Championship odds: 9-1

Rotherham United
Manager: Phil Henson (Jan 1991)
Transfers: In: Martin James (Stockport County, £50,000), Martin Pike (Fulham, free). Out: Wayne Jacobs (Bradford City, free), Ian Banks (Darlington, free)
Championship odds: 25-1

Shrewsbury Town
Manager: Fred Davies (Feb 1994)
Transfers: In: Mark Hughes (Tranmere, free), Ray Woods (Coventry, free) Out: none.
Championship odds: 22-1

Stockport County
Manager: Danny Bergara (Mar 1989).
Transfers: In: Alun Armstrong (Newcastle United, £25,000), Martyn Chalk (Derby County, £22,500), Dean Connelly (Wigan, free), Tony Dinning (Newcastle United, free), Jeff Eckhardt (Fulham, £50,000), Deiniol Graham (Barnsley, free), Michael Oliver (Middlesbrough, tribunal), Kevin Sinn (Watford, free) Out: Tony Barras (York City, £25,000), Martin James (Rotherham United, £50,000). Andy Preece (Crystal Palace, £350,000), Darren Ryan (Rochdale, free), Alan Smiley (Runcorn, free).
Championship odds: 10-1

Swansea City
Manager: Frank Burrows (Mar 1991)
Transfers: In: David Penney (Oxford, £20,000). Out: none
Championship odds: 28-1

Wrexham
Manager: Brian Flynn (Nov 1989)
Transfers: In: Deryn Brace (Norwich City, free) Out: Mark Morris (Runcorn, free), John Paskin (Bury, free). Mark Sertori (Bury, free).
Championship odds: 28-1

Wycombe Wanderers
Manager: Martin O'Neill (Feb 1990).
Transfers: In: Cyrille Regis (Wolverhampton Wanderers, free). Out: Steve Guppy (Newcastle United, £150,000)
Championship odds: 16-1.

York City
Manager: Alan Little (Mar 1993).
Transfers: In: Tony Barras (Stockport County, £25,000) Out: Ray Warburton (Northampton Town, £35,000)
Championship odds: 16-1.

THIRD DIVISION

Barnet
Manager: Ray Clemence (appointed Jan 1994)
Transfers: In: Mark Cooper (Leyton Orient, free), Dougie Freedman (QPR, free), Shaun Gale (Portsmouth, free), Linvoy Primus (Charlton, free), Paul Newell (Leyton Orient, free) Out: Paul Haylock (Colchester, free)
Championship odds: 22-1

Bury
Manager: Mike Walsh (Dec 1990)
Transfers: In: James Mulligan (Stoke City, tribunal), John Paskin (Wrexham, free), David Pugh (Chester City, tribunal), Peter Reid (no club, free), Mark Sertori (Wrexham, free) Out: Luther Blissett (Fakenham Town, free)
Championship odds: 14-1

Carlisle United
Manager: Mick Wadsworth (July 1993).
Transfers: In: David Currie (Barnsley, free), Derek Mountfield (Wolves, free). Out: George Oghani (Northwich Victoria, free)
Championship odds: 7-1

Chesterfield
Manager: John Duncan (Feb 1993)
Transfers: In: Wayne Fairclough (Mansfield, free), Chris Perkins (Mansfield, free), Michael Cheetham (Cambridge, free), Darren Roberts (Wolves, free) Out: Tony Dennis (Colchester, free). Trevor Hebberd (Lincoln City, free).
Championship odds: 12-1

Colchester United
Manager: George Burley (June 1994)
Transfers: In: Carl Emberson (Millwall, £25,000), Gus Caesar (Airdrie, free), Tony Dennis (Chesterfield, free), Paul Haylock (Barnet, free). Out: none
Championship odds: 25-1.

Darlington
Manager: Billy McEwan (May 1992).
Transfers: In: Matt Appleby (Newcastle, nominal), Paul Olsson (Hartlepool, free), Ian Banks (Rotherham, free). Michael Pollitt (Lincoln, free), Paul Mattison (North Ferriby, free) Out: none
Championship odds: 50-1.

Doncaster Rovers
Manager: Sammy Chung (July 1994).
Transfers: In: Perry Suckling (Watford, free), James Meara (Watford, free), Sean Parrish (Telford, £20,000), Gary Brabin (Runcorn, £45,000), Warren Hackett (Leyton Orient, free), Steve Gallen (QPR, free), Darren Finlay (QPR, free), Ryan Kirby (Arsenal, free), Lee Warren (Hull, free), Dave Martindale (Tranmere, free), Gudmundur Torfason (St Johnstone, free) Out: Don Page (Chester City, free), Stuart Ford (Scarborough, free). Lee Fowler (Halifax, free)
Championship odds: 25-1

Exeter City
Manager: Terry Cooper (Jan 1994).
Transfers: In: Andy Woodman (Crystal Palace, free). Colin Anderson (Hereford, free), Mark Came (Chester City, free) Out: none.
Championship odds: 14-1.

Fulham
Manager: Ian Branfoot (June 1994)
Transfers: In: Terry Hurlock (Millwall, free), Martin Thomas (Southampton, free). Kevin Moore (Southampton, free), Micky Adams (Stoke, free) Out: Sean Farrell (Peterborough, £120,000), Jeff Eckhardt (Stockport, £50,000), Martin Pike (Rotherham, free).
Championship odds: 10-1.

Gillingham
Manager: Mike Flanagan (July 1993)
Transfers: In: none. Out: Nick Forster (Brentford, £100,000), Gary Breen (Peterborough, £50,000), Mark Dempsey (Leyton Orient, free), Tony Eeles (Dover, free). Liburd Henry (Peterborough, free)
Championship odds: 33-1

Hartlepool United
Manager: John MacPhail (Nov 1993).
Transfers: In: Jason Ainsley (Spennymoor, £12,500), Brian Horne (Portsmouth, free). Out: Paul Olsson (Darlington, free).
Championship odds: 20-1.

Hereford United
Manager: Greg Downs (May 1992)
Transfers: In: Dean Smith (Walsall, £75,000), Tony Pennock (Wigan, free). Chris Mackenzie (Corby Town, free), Nicky Cross (Port Vale, free). Tony James (Leicester, free), Michael Conzague (Southend, free), Richard Wilkins (Cambridge, free), Neil Lyne (Cambridge, free), Gary Pick (Stoke, free) Out: Derek Hall (Rochdale, £10,000), Colin Anderson (Exeter, free).
Championship odds: 25-1.

Lincoln City
Manager: Sam Ellis (May 1994)
Transfers: In: Phil Daley (Wigan, tribunal), Colin Greenall (Chester City, free), Steve Foley (Stoke, free), Trevor Hebberd (Chesterfield, free). Out: Michael Pollitt (Darlington, free), Tony Lormor (Peterborough, free), Ian Baraclough (Mansfield Town, free).
Championship odds: 25-1

Mansfield Town
Manager: Andy King (Nov 1993)
Transfers: In: Lee Howarth (Peterborough, £10,000), Ian Baraclough (Lincoln, free), Iffy Onuora (Huddersfield, player exchange), Brendan Aspinall (Huddersfield, player exchange). Out: Wayne Fairclough (Chester, free), Chris Perkins (Chester, free), Kevin Gray (Huddersfield, player exchange)
Championship odds: 22-1

Northampton Town
Manager: John Barnwell (Sept 1993)
Transfers: In: Ray Warburton (York, £35,000), Ian Sampson (Sunderland, £30,000), Robert Curtis (Boston, free), Dean Trott (Boston, free), Neil Grayson (Boston, free), Jason Pascoe (Clipstone, free), Scott Middlemass (Morecambe, free), Richard Skelly (Stowmarket, free), Billy Stewart (Chester, free), Ray Byrne (Nottingham Forest, free), Mark Turner (Wolves, free) Out: Barry Richardson (Preston, £20,000). Terry Fleming (Preston, free), Jason Burnham (Chester City, free), Steve Terry (Enfield, free), Ian Gilzean (Ayr, free), Phil Chard (Kettering, free), Mark Parsons (Kettering, free)
Championship odds: 50-1

Preston North End
Manager: John Beck (Dec 1992)
Transfers: In: Mark Sale (Torquay, £20,000), Barry Richardson (Northampton, £20,000), Terry Fleming (Northampton, free), Neil Trebble (Scunthorpe, free), John Vaughan (Charlton, free) Out: Tony Ellis (Blackpool, £165,000), Stephen Woods (Motherwell, £75,000)
Championship odds: 6-1

Rochdale
Manager: Dave Sutton (Feb 1991)
Transfers: In: Derek Hall (Hereford, £10,000), David Thompson (Chester C, £6,000), Alex Russell (Burscough, £4,000). Darren Ryan (Stockport, free) Out: Jimmy Graham (Hull, free), Dave Lancaster (Halifax, £7,500), Trevor Snowdon (Northwich Vic, free), Martin Hodge (Plymouth, £10,000)
Championship odds: 14-1.

Scarborough
Manager: Billy Ayre (July 1994)
Transfers: In: Gavin Kelly (Bristol Rov, free), Mark Wells (Huddersfield, free). Stuart Ford (Doncaster, free) Out: none
Championship odds: 25-1.

Scunthorpe United
Manager: David Moore (Mar 1994)
Transfers: In: Tony Ford (Grimsby, free) Out: Neil Trebble (Preston, free)
Championship odds: 12-1

Torquay United
Manager: Don O'Riordan (May 1993).
Transfers: In: none Out: Mark Sale (Preston, £20,000)
Championship odds: 11-1.

Walsall
Manager: Kenny Hibbitt (May 1990).
Transfers: In: Trevor Wood (Port Vale, free), Charlie Palmer (Notts Co, free), Kevin Wilson (Notts Co, free), David Mehew (Bristol Rov, free). Out: Dean Smith (Hereford, £75,000)
Championship odds: 12-1

Wigan Athletic
Manager: Kenny Swain (May 1993)
Transfers: In: Ian Kilford (Nottm For, undisclosed), Mark Statham (Nottm For, undisclosed), Paul Tait (Everton, free) Out: Dean Connolly (Stockport, free), Phil Daley (Lincoln, tribunal), Julian Bowe (Marbella, free), Tony Pennock (Hereford, free)
Championship odds: 33-1.

HOW THEY FINISHED LAST SEASON

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	42	27	11	4	80	38	92
Blackburn	42	25	9	8	63	36	84
Newcastle	42	23	8	11	82	41	77
Arsenal	42	18	17	7	53	28	71
Leeds	42	18	16	8	65	39	70
Wimbledon	42	18	11	13	56	53	65
Sheff Wed	42	16	16	10	76	54	64
Liverpool	42	17	9	16	59	55	60
QPR	42	16	12	14	62	61	60
Aston Villa	42	15	12	15	46	50	57
Coventry	42	14	14	14	43	45	56
Norwich	42	12	17	13	65	61	53
West Ham	42	13	13	16	47	58	52
Chelsea	42	13	12	17	49	53	51
Tottenham	42	11	12	19	54	59	45
Man City	42	9	18	15	38	49	45
Everton	42	12	8	22	42	63	44
Southampton	42	12	7	23	49	66	43
Ipswich	42	9	16	17	35	58	43
Sheff Utd	42	8	18	16	42	60	42
Oldham	42	9	13	20	42	68	40
Swindon	42	5	15	22	47	100	30

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	46	27	9	10	73	46	90
Nottm Forest	46	23	14	9	74	49	83
Millwall	46	19	17	10	58	49	74
Leicester	46	19	16	11	72	59	73
Tranmere	46	21	9	16	69	53	72
Derby	46	20	11	15	73	68	71
Notts County	46	20	8	18	65	69	68
Wolves	46	17	17	12	60	47	68
Middlesbrough	46	18	13	15	66	54	67
Stoke	46	18	13	15	57	59	67
Charlton	46	19	8	19	61	58	65
Sunderland	46	19	8	19	54	57	65
Bristol City	46	16	16	14	47	50	64
Bolton	46	15	14	17	63	64	59
Southend	46	17	8	21	63	67	59
Grimsby	46	13	20	13	52	47	59
Portsmouth	46	15	13	18	52	58	58
Barnsley	46	16	7	23	55	67	55
Watford	46	15	9	22	66	80	54
Luton	46	14	11	21	56	60	53
West Brom	46	13	12	21	60	69	51
Birmingham	46	13	12	21	52	69	51
Oxford Utd	46	13	10	23	54	75	49
Peterborough	46	8	13	25	48	76	37

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	46	26	11	9	81	44	89
Port Vale	46	26	10	10	79	46	88
Plymouth	46	25	10	11	88	56	85
Stockport	46	24	13	9	74	44	85
York	46	21	12	13	64	40	75
Burnley	46	21	10	15	79	58	73
Bradford	46	19	13	14	61	53	70
Bristol Rovers	46	20	10	16	60	59	70
Hull	46	18	14	14	62	54	68
Cambridge Utd	46	19	9	18	79	73	66
Huddersfield	46	17	14	15	58	61	65
Wrexham	46	17	11	18	66	77	62
Swansea	46	16	12	18	56	58	60
Brighton	46	15	14	17	60	67	59
Rotherham	46	15	13	18	63	60	58
Brentford	46	13	19	14	57	55	58
Bournemouth	46	14	15	17	51	59	57
Leyton Orient	46	14	14	18	57	71	56
Cardiff	46	13	15	18	66	79	54
Blackpool	46	16	5	25	63	75	53
Fulham	46	14	10	22	50	63	52
Exeter	46	11	12	23	52	83	45
Hartlepool	46	9	9	28	41	87	36
Barnet	46	5	13	28	41	86	28

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shrewsbury	42	22	13	7	63	39	79
Chester	42	21	11	10	69	46	74
Crewe	42	21	10	11	80	61	73
Wycombe	42	19	13	10	67	53	70
Preston	42	18	13	11	79	60	67
Torquay	42	17	16	9	64	56	67
Carlisle	42	18	10	14	57	42	64
Chesterfield	42	16	14	12	55	48	62
Rochdale	42	16	12	14	63	51	60
Walsall	42	17	9	16	48	53	60
Scunthorpe	42	15	14	13	64	56	59
Mansfield	42	15	10	17	53	62	55
Bury	42	14	11	17	55	56	53
Scarborough	42	15	8	19	55	61	53
Doncaster	42	14	10	18	44	57	52
Gillingham	42	12	15	15	44	51	51
Colchester	42	13	10	19	56	71	49
Lincoln	42	12	11	19	52	63	47
Wigan	42	11	12	19	51	70	45
Hereford	42	12	6	24	60	79	42
Darlington	42	10	11	21	42	64	41
Northampton	42	9	11	22	44	66	38

Optimism abounds as season dawns



Taylor has found a new challenge with Wolves

This really must be the season of optimism. Graham Taylor, standing back a good metre from his summer depression, can barely wait for this afternoon's kick off in the Endsleigh Insurance League.

No longer merely England's ex, he is manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers, a club built with one of the finest stadiums in the land, built for the future. And Taylor's BBC Radio broadcast this week was replete with the mood of expectation: he heartily embraced the call from the Football Association to carry on the impetus, the fresh excitement and discipline of the World Cup. If Taylor can endorse that, if he can so clearly admit that England's league football is no longer the best but remains the hardest in the world, then maybe we are ready to build on the legacy of 18.6 million Britons tuning in to a World Cup that carried no representation from here.

When Taylor speaks of hardness, he is in the jargon of today's game spot on. Only one club can automatically qualify for the Premier League this season, four will go down, and all the optimism of summer could well degenerate into a nervous dogfight next spring.

But do not forget that the success of last season's domestic football owed much to the New Year courage and style with which Bolton Wanderers and Luton Town showed, in the FA Cup, that quality was not the prerogative of the self-elected elite. New codes of conduct, new diktats from Zurich to cleanse the game of malice, of dissent, of systematic dirty play, should surely help clubs like Bolton and Luton, clubs we could call footballing teams. We must climb aboard their style as if we were Cornish fishermen out to protect rights and beliefs in the Bay of Biscay.

But xenophobia has no place here. Seldom has English football taken to foreigners in quite the way it has this summer. First there was the wide appreciation of the USA'94; and now there are the managers, rushing out with their Sky television money, to buy the talent we saw there. Never has the foreign influx been greater: 17 clubs have imported 22 foreigners from 14 countries,



The success of the World Cup should spill into the game in England, according to Rob Hughes, football correspondent

spending close to £20 million. The likes of Klinsmann, Schwarz and Petrescu will undoubtedly raise standards: others like Dumetrescu, Lamptey and Moreno will look splendid if they adapt; yet there are others, for example the American Cobi Jones, who perhaps should not be imported at all.

Jones sports a tremendous hairstyle, but he plays like a wind-up toy, full of verve and effort, like so many produced in non-league English football. He was used chiefly as a substitute, a refresher, by the American World Cup team.

There is, therefore, a suspicion that "rent a foreigner", a habit that spread throughout Italy several seasons ago, has gripped clubs here. Much of it will be beneficial, but some will produce waste.

Those players, in return, will see in our stadiums standards of safety far beyond the myth of American stadiums, where the evident danger traps were overlooked because American spectators had something we cannot import: a joyous tolerance. Remember Millwall? It built a palatial stadium, only to be reminded that a thug is a thug in any setting.

But from the field of play it was distressing to hear Neil Ruddock, the Liverpool defender, greet the new code of conduct with the words: "Defenders like me had better get used to suspensions." Precisely. Had the FA not been so indulgent, had it not gone to court two years ago to condone reckless use of the elbow, Ruddock would not have started last season. As Eric Cantona did this time around, Ruddock performed a reckless foul in a pre-season match, breaking the cheekbone of Beardsley.

Thankfully there are managers such as the articulate Alan Smith of Crystal Palace ready to admit Fifa's crackdown is good for the game. His assertion that we must now coach players in the lost art of tackling, teach them to stay on their feet and not to rely on the off-side trap, is exactly the renewal of spirit the game requires. And renewal is perfectly possible.

A fascinating transition is being attempted by Bryan Robson, who, after an eternity as an enforcer in the Manchester United midfield, is now a tenderfoot manager at Middlesbrough. If all goes to plan he will be a future manager of England.

Meanwhile, without his leadership, United attempt to stay ahead of the field, notwithstanding manager Alex Ferguson's sensible resting of World Cup players Keane and Irwin, and his insensitive attempt to exonerate Cantona from a tackle that, before the season opens, reminds us of how nearly United betrayed their talents.

Ferguson's dearest wish now is that United justify themselves in Europe. Two hurdles stand in the way. One we shall all clamour to see features United against Barcelona, a team with three of the World Cup talents, Romario, Hagi and Stoichkov. The other European challenge is less savoury, a return to Istanbul where the police rounded up hundreds of United supporters — young or old, hotheads or innocents — in their hotel rooms and deported them merely for being there.

The European authorities have no right to expect Manchester United to return there. But if they do, we should think of two keynote speeches. One, from Ken Ridden, England's director of referees, is that everything being attempted this season will depend on the attitude and the will, both of players and referees, to improve their game.

The other brief speech was uttered in the Wembley dressing-room after the FA Cup final in May. "The most important thing is always going to be tomorrow," Alex Ferguson told his team. Tomorrow starts today.

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Britons complete golden double

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN HELSINKI

NO CHAMPION, however successful, can line up for a race and view it as a formality, least of all a hurdler, but Sally Gunnell and Colin Jackson yesterday made clean work of the ten hazards that stood between them and the European titles everyone expected them to win here.

Gunnell's overwhelming victory in the 400 metres hurdles gave her the grand slam that Linford Christie completed at the world championships last year. Gunnell, like Christie, now holds European, Commonwealth, world and Olympic titles simultaneously. Gunnell, unlike Christie, also holds the world record.

While Gunnell turned her race into a demonstration event, Jackson's victory was less clear-cut. Under pressure from his British team-mate, Tony Jarrett, and from Florian Schwarthoff, a 6ft 7in German, Jackson needed to dig deeper than Gunnell had earlier done to retain the title he won in 1990. Jackson won in 13.08sec, but Schwarthoff came between Britain's gold and silver medal-winners from the world championships last year to take the silver in 13.16sec. Jarrett recorded 13.23sec before performing a spectacular double somersault on the track, precipitated by his lunge for the line.

Concentration, Jackson said, was the key: "I just looked down at my ten hurdles and I wasn't aware of anything else around me."

Gunnell's delight at her success was obvious: "It was lovely coming over the last hurdle knowing I was so far ahead," she said. This was the one 400 metres hurdles title she had not won, having finished sixth in 1990, and, at the age of 28, she doubted whether she will return to defend it. "I do not think I will be around in four years time. I am looking at the 1996 Olympics and then reassessing, but I would like to start a family."

Over the first five hurdles, Heike Meissner, of Germany, matched Gunnell, but, from the sixth, the Briton's superior strength and technique drew her away. One of Gunnell's qualities is her acceleration off the tenth hurdle, but she hardly needed it here.

At the finish, she was more than a second clear of the runner-up, Silvia Rieger, from Germany. Gunnell recorded 53.33sec, more than half a second slower than her world record from the world championships in Stuttgart. Rieger followed in 54.68sec and Anna Knoroz, of Russia, was third in the same time. Meissner's attempt to match Gunnell early on cost her a medal.

The most dramatic event was the 3,000 metres steeplechase, in which Alessandro Lambruschini, of Italy, won after falling on the second lap. He tripped on a barrier, was helped up by a team-mate, Francesco Panetta, and, after working his way back into contention, outsprinted another Italian, Angelo Carosi, to win in 8min 22.40sec. Two medals and an assist for Italy.

The Finns appreciate a determined faller. Lasse Viren fell in the 10,000 metres at the 1972 Olympic Games, got up and won the gold medal with a world record. The Italians have also applauded one before. In the 1990 European championships, Salvatore Antibo won the 5,000 metres after falling.

"I give all the thanks of this gold to Panetta who pulled me up when I fell," Lambruschini said later. "For 400 metres, he was telling me go, go go. And then again he was the one to change the rhythm of the race. After that everything was easy."

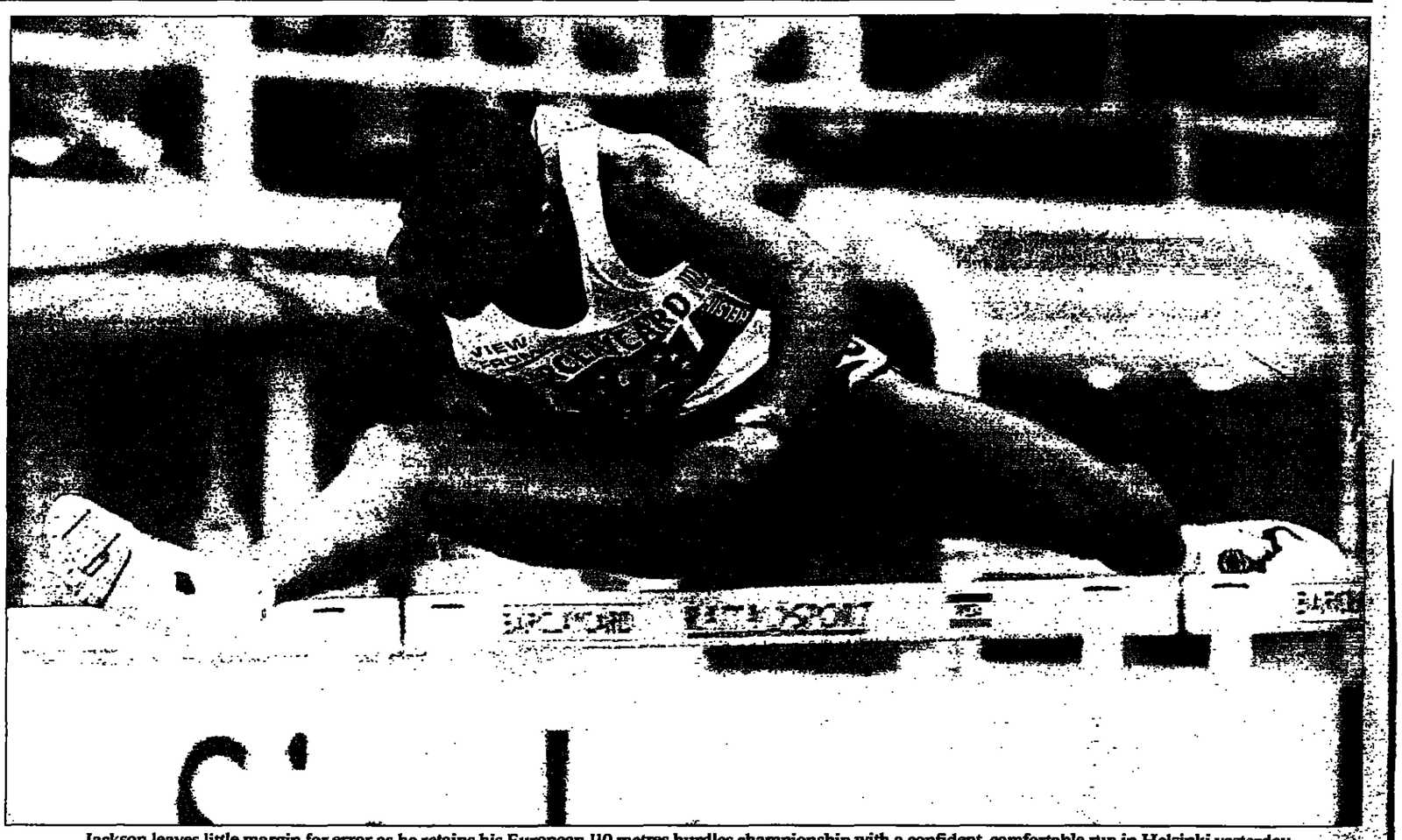
Mark Rowland, of Britain, has been long-suffering with injury since playing his part in one of the finest races of the 1990 championships, finishing second to Panetta. Thinking his international racing days were over, Rowland qualified as a massage therapist and took his first step towards joining the British medical team, doing duty at the national combined events championships in June.

"I was not even runing in April," he reminded us. "I am not back but I feel I can get back. I feel I am worth being invested in. I know what I need to run under 8min 10sec and it does not come off a tree." Six years after his British record, he is still worth a few pounds of the British Athletic Federation's money.

Craig Winrow, the 1989 European junior champion, is Britain's sole representative in the 800 metres final tomorrow. After Martin Steele's withdrawal to concentrate on the Commonwealth Games and the elimination of the defending champion, Tom McKean, in the first round, Winrow's well-judged run in the semi-finals yesterday was welcome.

Winrow, 22, is enjoying his first full year clear of injuries or illness since his junior days. A medal seems unlikely but not out of the question. Andrea Benvenuti, of Italy, Atle Douglas, a British-born Norwegian, Nico Motchebon, of Germany, and Vebjorn Rodal, of Norway, are the most likely medal contenders.

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Jackson leaves little margin for error as he retains his European 110 metres hurdles championship with a confident, comfortable run in Helsinki yesterday

MEDALS TABLE

	G	S	B	T
Russia	7	4	5	16
Great Britain	5	3	2	10
Germany	3	4	3	10
Norway	3	1	1	5
Ukraine	2	4	1	7
Spain	2	1	1	4
Bulgaria	2	0	2	4
Italy	1	3	1	5
Finland	1	1	0	2
France	1	0	2	3
Ireland	1	0	0	1
Portugal	1	0	0	1
Belorus	0	4	0	4
Belgium	0	1	2	3



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Price prospers as he throws caution to wind

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA

NICK Price, the Open champion, swept imperiously ahead in the second round of the US PGA Championship at Southern Hills, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Price was on song, firing his shots directly at the flag without a thought of caution and when he is in such a mood there are few golfers in the world who can touch him.

It was another gloriously hot day, with the humidity little more of a handicap than on the previous day. Not all the heat came from Price. Blaine McCallister, having started with a 74, four over par, set about the course with a vengeance that showed no respect for its age, standing or difficulty.

With eight birdies in 15 holes, McCallister, 35, was seven under the par of 70. A course record was in sight, exceeding Ray Floyd's 63 set in the first round of this championship 12 years ago. So, too, was a record low score in major championships. The existing mark is 63.

Frank Nobilo added a 67 to his first round of 72. Corey Pavin, level par overnight, was three under with five holes remaining and Jumbo Ozaki moved from one over par at the start to two under after 16 holes in his second round.

This scoring was much too hot for Ian Woosnam. The Welshman, who had begun the day one stroke behind Price, the joint leader, saw only Price's heels as the Zimbabwean pulled further and further ahead. Price had one birdie in his outward half and then three in the space of four holes soon after the turn.

At that point he stood seven under par, an improvement of four strokes on his first round and four strokes clear of his nearest challenger.

Woosnam, who had arrived in Tulsa in very low spirits, was unable to mount a challenge. His swing has looked nearly as rhythmical and purposeful as it used to, but to continue to score well on a course as difficult as this one, putts have to be holed for birdies to act as bulwarks against the inevitable dropped strokes. Woosnam used up his quotient of birdies on Thursday.

Yesterday, he squeezed out a couple soon after the start, holing from 15 feet on the second and chipping close on the extremely long fifth, which at 614 yards was well out of reach. That took him to four under par and, briefly, the lead.

It didn't last long. A drive clattered into the trees on the sixth, his second remained in the rough and his third ended in a greenside bunker. He took a six. As so often happens after such holes, Woosnam rubbed salt into the wound he had just created when he three-putted on the eighth.

In his first round he had played late in the day and had complained about the putting surfaces spiking up. In the eleventh group of the day for the second round, Woosnam found no such problems. Any difficulties he had with his putter were self inflicted.

Severiano Ballesteros, his right thumb clearly still bothering him, had no hope of beating the cut. He was 11 over par after 13 holes. John Daly, too, was almost certainly out of the championship he had won three years ago. His 36-hole total was 146, six over par, and the projected cut was three over.

As Ballesteros was eliminated, José María Olazábal moved forward, clearly helped by being paired with Ernie Els, the US Open champion, and Price. Olazábal, like Ballesteros, Woosnam and Faldo, wore a white baseball cap with a long peak. His, at least, fitted, whereas Woosnam's was one size too big and slipped down over his ears.

Olazábal birdied the short 11th and the long 13th and was two under par, an improvement of four strokes. Every time he birdied a hole, so did Price, playing alongside him. Price birdied the 16th to be eight under par and widen his lead over Pavin to five strokes.



Price: imperious

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SCORES FROM TULSA

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SECOND ROUND: Early finishers: 139: F Nobilo (NZ) 72, 67. 140: C Stadler 70, 70; K Triplett 71, 69; I Woosnam (GB) 68, 72. 142: L Wadkins 69, 73. 143: D Hammond 74, 69; B Estes 72, 71; S Ellkington (Aus) 73, 70. 144: B Glasson 71, 73, A Magee 70, 74. 145: H Mashital (Japan) 74, 71, N Lancaster 73, 72; K Perry 79, 67; R Floyd 69, 76. 146: B Bryant 76, 70; A Johnstone (Zim) 75, 71; J Daly 73, 73, J Mohaffay 72, 74. 147: N Henke 72, 75. 148: R Pride 76, 73, S Lowery 72, 77; R Tway 77, 72. 150: W Chapman 75, 75, B Lohr 77, 73. 151: M Baum 77, 74, J Huston 78, 73. 152: B Redmond 77, 75, R Acton 76, 76, J Parnevik (Swe) 79, 73. 153: A Palmer 79, 74. 154: W Frantz 78, 76.

FIRST ROUND: 67: C Montgomerie (GB); N Price (Zim). 68: P Mickelson; I Woosnam (GB), F Couples, E Els (SA). 69: F Zoeller; L Roberts, S Torrance (GB), T Watson; D A Weibring, D Gilford (GB); L Wadkins; R Floyd. 70: B Crenshaw, C Parry (Aus), J Sluman; D Frost (SA), G Hallberg; J Inman, A Magee, C Stadler; V Singh (Fiji), C Pavin, B Lane (GB), G Day. 71: D Barr (Can), J Haas; G Norman (Aus); J Cook; M James (GB); R Fehr, W Andrade; G Jones, K Triplett; W Glasson, J Ozaki (Japan), G Morgan. 72: R Boyd, R Ackerman; W Smith, J Haeggman (Swe); P Stewart; M McNulty (Zim), R Cochran; C Beck, J D Blake; D Hart; J Bermel; S Lowery, R Estes, N Henke, F Nobilo (NZ); J Mahaffay, L Mize; D Edwards, J M Olazabal (Spi; T Kite; B Faxon, T Smith, M Gove 73: J Roth; C Kestner, T Dolby, C Rocca (It), M McCumber; N Faldo (GB), T Nakajima (Japan), J McGovern, A Forsbrand (Swe), L Nelson, N Lancaster; S Ellington (Aus), J Daly, D Love, B Langer (Ger); T Lehman, L Janzen, W Maylair; C Strange 74: E Tryba; I Baker-Finch (Aus), H Green, F Allem (SA); M Calcavecchia, J DeForest, R Nuckolls; D Hammond, H Mashital (Japan), B McCallister; P Senior (Aus), G Kralt; L Clements; S Hoch; J Wisz. 75: S Simpson, B Ogle (Aus), M Heinen, L Nelson; P Azinger, H Irwin, D Graham (Aus), W Grady (Aus); R Pride, T Gray; W Chapman, A Johnstone (Zim), B Fleisher, A Lyle (GB); K Cashman. 76: R McDougal, P O'Brien; H Sutton, P Baker (GB); R Hoyt; R Prato; R Acton; B Bryant, F Funk.